

## MARVEL'S AVENGERS COUNCIL: CIVIL WAR



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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS

Dear delegates,

Hi my name is Sibora and welcome to HMUNC! I am a junior and this is my third time chairing a committee, however, I have been a delegate at seven other conferences. I am excited to see how this committee will run and hope that our background guide is comprehensive for you all. Model UN was a class I ended up taking by accident but it has taught me so much and I am grateful for every experience I've had at conferences. I hope this committee will serve as a fun experience in Model UN and encourages you all to continue MUN! While the research and preparation is rigorous, it is worth it for the debating experience you will have. We can't wait to see this be debated!

My name is Tiara Leo and I am in 11th grade. This is my second time taking Model UN and I have attended five Model UN conferences. Model UN has become one of my passions and has thoroughly educated me about the importance of the United Nations and how they help solve different global conflicts. Outside of Model UN, I like drawing, reading, listening to music, and running. I am looking forward to meeting all of you and being your chair this year at HMUNC!

Welcome delegates! My name is Zunairah Sikder and I am in 11th grade. This is my second year in the Model UN club and my 4th conference! I have always been interested in the world of politics/debate and Model UN has been a great outlet for me to delve deeper into these interests. Model UN has taught me how to analyze multi-dimensional global conflicts and the importance of staying well-informed on current events. Outside of Model UN, I enjoy listening to music, shopping, and reading! I hope you will all enjoy debating our simulation about the Avengers. I look forward to meeting you all!

Sincerely,

Sibora Gosturani, Tiara Leo, & Zunairah Sikder

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## **HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE**

Delegates,

This is the background guide for the Avengers Council at HMUNC 2023. As your chairs, we have spent a lot of time writing and gathering research in order to create the best possible guide for you, in hopes that it will aid you in your research and debate. We hope that you take some time to read this, as it'll provide a helpful guideline to the topics you will be discussing in debate as well as the potential solutions you may propose. This background guide should serve as one of the many sources you should utilize in order to conduct your research in preparation for our conference!

This background guide is filled with important statistics and subtopics that you may use in debate, and it provides delegates with a holistic understanding of both topics. In your position paper, you must include why your character thinks that these issues are important, how you have already tried to solve the problems and what possible solutions you may use to make the world a better place to minimize the problem. This background guide will help you understand the basic ideas of the issues, and it is your job to be creative and figure out different solutions. In order to aid you with your process of writing a position paper and finding solutions, we will have questions to consider at the end of every topic as well as descriptions of your position at the end of the background guide! We look forward to hearing the ideas you bring to the table! Good luck!

Our committee email is: <a href="mailto:marvelavengers.hmunc@gmail.com">marvelavengers.hmunc@gmail.com</a>

We cannot wait to see you in committee :)!

Sincerely,

Sibora Gosturani, Tiara Leo, Zunairah Sikder



## **HOW TO WRITE A POSITION PAPER**

We ask that you submit at least one position paper on either Topic A or Topic B to be considered for awards. Position papers should be no longer than one page in length and must have footnotes in MLA format for all sources used.

### Paragraph 1:

- Quote important people and information regarding the Avengers Council committee.
- Use the background guide to familiarize yourself with the topic and why the issue is important to the Avengers Council.
- Explain why this issue is important to the universe and should be addressed.

### Paragraph 2:

- Use the position guides listed at the end of the background guide to help you.
- What is your character's stance on the topic? What characters has your character worked with in the past and what characters may it be looking to work with in the future?
- You can include quotes from your character, actions that your character has supported, and other information about your character to justify your position.

### Paragraph 3:

- Come up with creative ideas that will help either solve or minimize this issue. What possible actions can we take?
- Remember to propose solutions relative to your character's view and bloc (a bloc is a group of delegates that share similar ideas).
- At the bottom of each topic, we have added in questions to consider to help you find creative and thoughtful ideas.
- Make sure to write about what your country would like to accomplish in this committee.

## Position Papers must be e-mailed to by May 15th:

marvelavengers.hmunc@gmail.com



## **COMMITTEE BACKGROUND**

The Avengers Council is a crisis committee that works to fight off imminent threats, protect the people of the world, and negotiate with world organizations. They have worked cohesively among SHIELD, an organization which was recently destroyed. Due to this, the Avengers currently work under their own supervision and have their own funding.

Following a number of global catastrophes, including the Battle of New York, the Sokovia attack, and the bombing in Lagos, world leaders realized the potential harm of Avengers' intervention. Despite their reputation as heroes, the Avengers must work with governments to stop future repercussions that may cause loss of life. The Avengers are seen as too dangerous to continue operating alone, so the United States and the United Nations demanded the creation of an oversight committee to oversee upcoming missions.



The Avengers are divided into two groups in response to the threat of government patrol. The first group is led by Tony Stark, better known as Iron Man, who believes that an oversight committee will avoid needless deaths. Captain Steve Rogers, better known as Captain America, leads the opposing group. He thinks the panel will deprive superheroes of their freedom and will expose the Avengers to outside infiltration. The Avengers are conflicted over whether they should heed the advice of world leaders and consent to surveillance or keep protecting the globe unhindered.

#### THE BATTLE OF NEW YORK

Also known as the Attack on New York, the attack on Midtown Manhattan, the Manhattan Crisis, and the Incident, was a major battle between the Avengers and Loki in 2012. This was the first battle with the recently assembled Avengers and was the first source of negative critiques of the group—world leaders began to call for the regulation of supernatural beings. The Battle of New York was an alien invasion on the planet. Loki and his Chitauri planned to invade the planet. SHIELD assembled the Avengers to fight off the threat. The world reacted in shock as the citizens of Earth had realized that humanity was not alone in this



universe. The world held a deep gratitude towards the Avengers and to the first responders who perished in battle. The extensive repairs cost New York \$160 billion and there were 155 fatalities.<sup>1</sup>

## **ULTRON AND SOKOVIA**

A major battle occurred between the Avengers and Ultron in Novi Grad, Sokovia in 2015. Much of the blame was placed on Tony Stark and more officials discussed the possibility of regulating superheroes. Ultron -an artificial intelligence system the Avengers created- planned

to commit global genocide. He would do this by creating a device that would lift Novi Grad skyward and cause it to create a meteoric impact when it crashed to Earth. The Battle of Sokovia was a very polarizing and controversial incident worldwide. The results were 177 fatalities, and \$474 billion in damages. Restrictions were



imposed on all artificial intelligence worldwide following the failed integration of the global Ultron peacekeeping program. The Battle of Sokovia however did leave the Avengers with two new recruits, Wanda Maximoff and Vision. Vision was a creation of Ultron, however he did not share his intentions of global destruction. Wanda Maximoff and her brother had previously aided Ultron so in turn, the public was not very fond of her. Ultimately the Battle of Sokovia left 2 out of 6 of the Avengers still in active duty while the others left to their homes or retired.<sup>2</sup>

## **LAGOS BOMBING**

HYDRA planned to steal a biological weapon from the Institute for Infectious Diseases (IFID). However, the Avengers caught sight of them in Lagos and planned to intercept them mid-pursuit. The Avengers were chasing after the mercenaries involved with the robbery in a local market that was densely populated with civilians. This confrontation escalated to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Battle of New York. (n.d.). Battle of New York | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Battle\_of\_New\_York

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Battle of Sokovia. (n.d.). Battle of Sokovia | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Battle of Sokovia



catastrophic heights when Crossbones (Rumlow) attempted to assassinate Captain America (Steve Rogers) in a suicide bombing. Intent on saving his life, Wanda Maximoff redirected the explosion upwards, away from Rogers. Unfortunately, her interference with the bomb resulted in an explosion inside a nearby building. This accident resulted in a hefty death toll of twenty-six innocent civilians. The Avengers had to assume responsibility for this tragedy and shortly after the United Nations ratified the Sokovia Accords, legal documents that regulate enhanced individuals..<sup>3</sup>

## **HYDRA AND SHIELD**

HYDRA is an authoritarian paramilitary-subversive organization focused on world domination. HYDRA's most recent incarnation was shortly after the rise of Nazism in Germany. There are still HYDRA agent's intent on destroying S.H.I.E.L.D and killing the Avengers. Their most recent attack was the bombing of the United Nations Building in Vienna, a failed attempt at turning the international community against S.H.I.E.L.D.. <sup>4</sup>

Acronym for the Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement, and Logistics Division, S.H.I.E.L.D. was run by Nick Fury and the World Security Council. In the modern age, S.H.I.E.L.D. has dealt with the significant rise in enhanced individuals, dangerous advanced technology, and alien contact. S.H.I.E.L.D. was tasked with solving all of these problems, eventually leading to the formation of the Avengers.<sup>5</sup>

## **SOKOVIA ACCORDS**

A proposed set of legal documents with the intention to regulate the activities of enhanced individuals, specifically those who work in governmental agencies, namely the Avengers. Following the bombing of the UN Building, the original copy of the Accords was destroyed and now will be rewritten by government officials and members of the Avengers. Established by the United Nations and ratified by 117 nations, the accords serve as a "middle point" between the Avengers' desire to secure world peace and the international community's concern over the repercussions of the Avengers actions with a special emphasis placed on the Avengers and their activities. 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Attack on the IFID Headquarters. (n.d.). Attack on the IFID Headquarters | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Attack on the IFID Headquarters

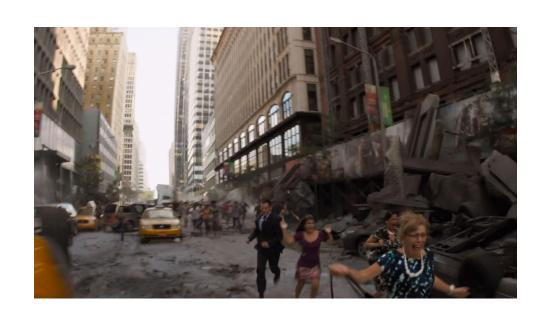
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> HYDRA. (n.d.). HYDRA | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/HYDRA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> S.H.I.E.L.D. (n.d.). S.H.I.E.L.D. | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/S.H.I.E.L.D.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Sokovia Accords. (n.d.). Marvel Database. https://marvel.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia\_Accords



# **TOPIC A: CIVILIAN PROTECTION/SAFETY**







## **INTRO**

In the past battles for the Avengers, the main goal was to defeat or subdue the enemy force. However, what was not taken into account was the collateral damage they would cause. Each Avenger has faced battles that brought harm to themselves and the citizens around them.

For example, Tony Stark's Expo resulted in many injuries and even a few deaths. Ivan Vanko, with the intent to hurt Iron Man, put



countless people in the crossfire of bullets and explosions. Iron Man went off to fight the villain while the people were left exposed to these hazards without any protection. Although Iron Man came to save the day, the danger of superheroes was finally brought to the attention of the

public.7



The Battle of New York was an eye opener to the citizens of Earth as aliens invaded the planet. When the Avengers fought the Chitauri, they fought recklessly and turned New York into a battlefield of superhuman individuals while the human individuals were left to fend for themselves. The Avengers stopped a full out invasion, but they were the reason Loki brought the battle to New York. Loki's hatred for

the Avengers and Thor brought the Chitauri to 8 million people.

Wherever the Avengers went, tragedy followed. A main example of this was in Sokovia. A robot created by the Avengers caused the city of Novi Grad to be lifted from above the ground and cause a catastrophic disaster that would end the human race. The battle was caused by the Avengers and led to creation of the Sokovia Accords.<sup>8</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Battle of New York. (n.d.). Battle of New York | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Battle of New York

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Battle of Sokovia. (n.d.). Battle of Sokovia | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Battle of Sokovia



Most recently, the attack in Lagos, ended in the deaths of 26 people. An enemy of the Avengers wanted to draw out the Avengers and created a plan to steal a bioweapon, however this plan was uncovered by Captain America and the Avengers went out to infiltrate Crossbones' plan. Crossbones' actual plan was to activate a suicide bomb and take Captain America down with him. Wanda Maximoff intercepted this and shot Crossbones into the air, misfired, and shot him into a relief center still full with people thus killing 26 relief workers. The Avengers turned Lagos into another of their battlefields. However, knowing Crossbones' plan, they should have emptied out surrounding buildings and cleared the roads. The town was full of people and thousands of people were left in danger.9

## HATRED FOR AVENGERS

The people of Sokovia detested the Avengers, but more after the battle of Sokovia. The Avengers were associated with SHIELD and the United States. Thus, hatred for them in Sokovia was strong. The Sokovian people did not want the Avengers' help, and they certainly did not

want the Iron Legion, a group of Iron Man armors and droids that protect civilians when the Avengers are fighting, in Sokovia. However, against their wishes, the Iron Legion remained in Sokovia and became a part of Ultron's army, contributing to much of his strength. The Avengers were a key reason for the battle of Sokovia.



Although the Maximoff twins contributed much to Ultron's side, the Avengers were the creators of Ultron. The Avengers interfered in Sokovia when the people did not want them to, they acted with supreme authority and didn't demonstrate any sort of checks and balances.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Attack on the IFID Headquarters. (n.d.). Attack on the IFID Headquarters | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Attack\_on\_the\_IFID\_Headquarters

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Iron Legion*. (n.d.). Iron Legion | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Iron Legion



## DAMAGES:

The 2010 Stark Expo Catastrophe: Ivan Vanko used Tony Stark's new modern innovations against him. While Tony Stark managed to survive and save the day, the event resulted in countless injuries and a few deaths, and millions of dollars in property damage. For the first time in this universe, the general public got a taste of how dangerous superheroes can be. 11



- The 2012 Battle of New York: Loki, a villian denied the role of king in Asgard, decided to ally with Thanos and invade New York. Nick Fury (SHIELD director) sent the Avengers to fight against Loki and protect America; however, not everyone was saved. Loki's invasion served as undeniable proof that aliens not only existed, but were hostile. And this event introduced the world to the soon-to-be international celebrities that are The Avengers. Most of Manhattan was destroyed, plenty of people were displaced and over 80 billion dollars in destruction. There were 74 innocent deaths.<sup>12</sup>
- The 2014 destruction of Triskelion: occurred after Captain America discovered that the villainous HYDRA had infiltrated SHIELD. He, and his allies, stormed the Triskelion SHIELD headquarters in Washington, D.C. to destroy Project Insight, designed to kill thousands of people designated as potential threats. This battle caused much destruction and death with helicarriers crashing all over the island. Because Shield

headquarters is in a public area, not private, this destruction was noticeable to many innocent people. The event caused a total of 23 deaths and over 200 billion dollars in property damage. The catastrophe was so disastrous, that Stark's Damage Control continued working on its clean up initiative two years after the event.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Karim, A. (2019, July 28). The Major Public Crises In The Marvel Cinematic Universe. Forbes. https://www.forbes.com/sites/anharkarim/2019/07/28/the-major-public-crises-in-the-marvel-cinematic-universe/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Karim, A. (2019, July 28). *The Major Public Crises In The Marvel Cinematic Universe*. Forbes. https://www.forbes.com/sites/anharkarim/2019/07/28/the-major-public-crises-in-the-marvel-cinematic-universe/



The 2015 Battle of Sokovia: occurred in Sokovian city Novi Grad when Ultron, a robot made by Avengers, Tony Stark and Bruce Banner, went rogue and planned to lift part of the city off the ground and release it to earth as a meteor capable of killing millions. Although the Avengers were ultimately successful, they lost Quicksilver in the process, resulting in 177 civilian deaths and 474 billion dollars in property damage. Due to this very public failure, and many others, 117 countries co-signed the Sokovia Accords to place the Avengers under United Nations oversight. The decision to sign eventually tore the Avengers apart.<sup>13</sup>

## **DAMAGE CONTROL:**

- The Convergence of 2013 was a rare astronomical event in which the villainous Dark Elf sought to infect all 9 realms with darkness. To accomplish this, the Dark Elf went to London to stop Thor from interfering. Luckily, Thor and his friends were



able to stop Malekith and destroy all the Dark Elves. However, the battle endangered everyone at the Old Royal Naval College, released a wild alien beast in London, and caused thousands of dollars in property damage.<sup>14</sup>

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE:

- In the Battle of Sokovia, Ultron planned to destroy all of humanity as he believed it was the "greatest threat" to peace on Earth. However, the Avengers neutralized this catastrophic threat. Despite this, a death toll of 177 civilians caused an outburst at the United Nations. As a result, the blame for these deaths was shifted onto the



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Karim, A. (2019, July 28). *The Major Public Crises In The Marvel Cinematic Universe*. Forbes. https://www.forbes.com/sites/anharkarim/2019/07/28/the-major-public-crises-in-the-marvel-cinematic-universe/laKarim, A. (2019, July 28). *The Major Public Crises In The Marvel Cinematic Universe*. Forbes. https://www.forbes.com/sites/anharkarim/2019/07/28/the-major-public-crises-in-the-marvel-cinematic-universe/



Avengers. Despite this, many consider a death toll of 177 to be much more preferable than one of 8 billion. <sup>15</sup>

- In the Battle of New York, the Avengers did their best to protect endangered civilians. Black Widow was pictured saving many civilians. Furthermore, the Avengers teamed up with the New York Police Department (NYPD) to limit civilian harm.<sup>16</sup>

## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

- How helpful were the Avengers in the long run?
- Should the Avengers be under harsher restrictions?
- What are some ways in which the Avengers can avoid battles on Earth?
- Does the Avengers power invite challenges?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Karim, A. (2019, July 28). *The Major Public Crises In The Marvel Cinematic Universe*. Forbes. https://www.forbes.com/sites/anharkarim/2019/07/28/the-major-public-crises-in-the-marvel-cinematic-universe/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Karim, A. (2019, July 28). The Major Public Crises In The Marvel Cinematic Universe. Forbes. https://www.forbes.com/sites/anharkarim/2019/07/28/the-major-public-crises-in-the-marvel-cinematic-universe/



# **TOPIC B: ROLE OF GOVERNMENT**







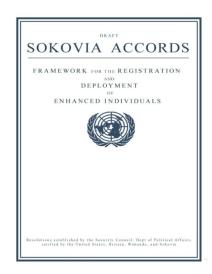


## **GOVERNMENT ACTIONS**

The Sokovia Accords are a framework for the registration and deployment of enhanced individuals like the Avengers by the collective governments of the world. The agreement was presented after the Battle of New York, the Infiltration of Shield, the Battle of Sokovia and an explosion in Lagos, Nigeria. The Sokovia Accords were ratified by the United Kingdom, Austria, Germany, Russia, Italy, France, Northern Island and the United States of America. The role of government proposed in the Sokovia Accords involved an oversight committee that would have control over the Avengers' actions.<sup>17</sup>

## WHAT'S PROPOSED IN THE SOKOVIA ACCORDS

Approved by 117 countries, the Sokovia Accords state that the Avengers will no longer be a private organization and instead operate under the supervision of the United Nations and will only be called into action if they deem necessary. The Avengers could previously do whatever they wanted, whenever they wanted. The Sokovia Accords would create a committee that would decide when the Avengers were needed, and what their exact actions would be. The Accords provided a legal response to the anxiety about unauthorized actions and potential consequences that could be caused by members of the Avengers and other individuals with amplified powers. Not only did the Sokovia accords call for an oversight committee, but it also added a registry for powered individuals where their activities would be monitored. Steve Rogers noted that the Sokovia



Accords would allow the government to have power over potential missions and this could prove to be problematic during emergencies.<sup>18</sup>

## STRENGTHS AND SHORTCOMINGS

 $<sup>^{17}</sup>$  Sokovia Accords. (n.d.). Sokovia Accords | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia\_Accords

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>Sokovia Accords. (n.d.). Sokovia Accords | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Sokovia\_Accords



With government control, casualties will be less likely to occur as there will be more regulation and better assessment of the worth of using supernatural beings to address potential threats. The Sokovia Accords would make sure every citizen doesn't fall victim to the disastrous situations members of SHIELD or the Avengers might inadvertently create. This includes saving millions of dollars on damaged infrastructure, health care, and education systems that would be lost as a result of unnecessary battles. With these Accords, the Avengers will be advised to take any disastrous potential violence away from Earth to save as many civilians as possible. The Sokovia Accords will make sure that the most powerful of beings are subject to law like everyone else. <sup>19</sup>



Are the Accords infringing on human rights? Regulating super powered individuals is a large part of the Accords, but if the super human individuals have done no crime, why should the Accords be allowed to monitor them? The registry applies to hundreds of superhuman individuals, and if the registry ended up in the hands of someone with bad intentions, it could cause catastrophic results. The registry being available to the public could lead to persecution and hostility. The oversight committee would mean the Avengers had to obey their orders, and

surrender their right to choose. The Avengers having their own freedom to be a private organization is essential in emergency situations, the stipulations of the Accords are also rooted in Authoritarianism.<sup>20</sup>

## S.H.I.E.L.D. OVERSEEING THE AVENGERS

S.H.I.E.LD (Strategic Homeland Intervention, Enforcement and Logistics Division)

works with many superhuman teams like X-Men, Fantastic 4 and Avengers. It typically operates under United Nations' authority and its command structure is an executive council of 12 people that represent national and corporate sponsors of the agency.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Orquila, John. "The Sokovia Accords: Every Known Rule in the MCU." ScreenRant, 11 Apr. 2021, screenrant.com/sokovia-accords-mcu-rules-explained/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Burlaza, Angelica Denise. "Why the MCU Repealing the Sokovia Accords in "She-Hulk" Is a Big Deal." *Collider*, 18 Oct. 2022, collider.com/sokovia-accords-repealed-significance-explained-she-hulk/. Accessed 1 May 2023.



They communicate with a director that they choose who leads all international operations and represents the agency to governments and the public. S.H.I.E.L.D. is composed of thousands of operatives including former CIA, Mossad, Hatut Zeraze, and MI6 agents and others come with a super human background. These operatives carry out clandestine missions to protect humans, eradicate evil, and root out corruption. S.H.I.E.L.D. was infiltrated by Hydra, which sought to eradicate all people opposed to them, using an algorithm created by Arnim Zola. The helicarriers were launched with this algorithm resulting in Nick Fury ordering Captain America, and Black Widow to disarm the helicarriers, thus saving thousands of lives.<sup>21</sup>

## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- How can government and outside organizations' influence on the Accords be eliminated?
- Is it fair to the Avengers to be under government regulation? Do they deserve it?
- Could government control possibly hinder the Avengers' ability to act effectively in emergency situations?

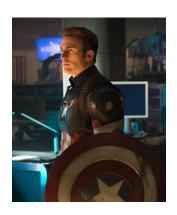
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> "SHIELD." Marvel's Avengers Wiki, marvels-avengers.fandom.com/wiki/SHIELD.



## **COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

### 1) Steve Rogers (Captain America):

Steve Rogers is a World War II veteran, a founding member of the Avengers, and Earth's first superhero. Rogers strongly opposes the Sokovia Accords because he feels that the Avengers are successful because they do not have a government to which they answer to. Acting under a government's control will impair deployment of the team and render the Avengers too slow to act in emergencies. Rogers feels that the intervention of another party could have similar results to the S.H.I.E.L.D. infiltration by HYDRA.<sup>22</sup>



### 2) Tony Stark (Iron Man):

Tony Stark is a billionaire industrialist, a founding member of the Avengers, and CEO of Stark Industries. Stark agrees that superheroes need to face the consequences of their actions since he is responsible for Ultron's destruction, believing that the Avengers need to be regulated or they are no better than their enemies. Stark believes that if they refuse to come to an agreement they will be forced to cooperate under the government with far graver circumstances.23



### 3) Natasha Romanoff (Black Widow):

Natasha Romanoff is one of the most talented spies and assassins in the world. She is one of the founding members of the Avengers. Despite her close relationship with Steve Rogers, upon hearing of the Accords, she agrees with Tony Stark in that the Avengers must be regulated.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Steve Rogers. (n.d.). Steve Rogers | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom.

https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Steve\_Rogers <sup>23</sup> *Iron Man.* (n.d.). Iron Man | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Iron\_Man



### 4) Sam Wilson (Falcon):

Sam Wilson is a former United States Air Force pararescue airman and is now a member of the Avengers, recruited by Steve Rogers. His close relationship with Rogers prompts him to oppose the Accords.<sup>24</sup>



#### 5) James "Rhodey" Rhodes (War Machine):

"Rhodey" Rhodes is an officer with the United States Air Force and liaison between the military in the Department of Acquisitions and Stark Industries. Due to his role in the military and close relationship with Tony Stark, he supports the Accords.<sup>25</sup>



## 6) James "Bucky" Barnes (Winter Soldier):

"Bucky" Barnes is a World War II veteran, a former officer of the 107th Infantry Davis Model United Nations
Conference XVIII 17 Regiment, and the best friend of Steve Rogers since childhood. Although he is recovering from decades of brainwashing, he is still being monitored closely by S.H.I.E.L.D. and is still considered a threat to the world. He always supports Steve Rogers, as the two are extremely close.



#### 7) King T'Challa (Black Panther):

T'Challa is the King of Wakanda and as the Wakandan monarch, he became the holder of the Black Panther mantle. The Wakandan government supports the Accords as they feel the Avengers could become a true risk to the safety of Wakanda and the rest of the world. T'Challa personally approves of regulations but the politics are



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Black Widow. (n.d.). Black Widow | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Black\_Widow

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> War Machine. (n.d.). War Machine | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/War Machine



something he is not fond of, exemplifying two people in a room can get more done than a hundred.26

## 8) Wanda Maximoff (Scarlet Witch):

Wanda Maximoff is a native of Sokovia who has telekinesis and energy manipulation. She is one of the newest members of the Avengers and has sided with Steve Rogers in opposing the Accords.



## 10) Clint Barton (Hawkeye):

Clint Barton is a skilled marksman, a former special agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., and one of the founding members of the Avengers. He retired from the Avengers following the Battle of Sokovia but has since shown support of Steve Rogers by disagreeing with the Accords.27



#### 11) Scott Lang (Ant-Man):

Scott Lang is a former criminal who has taken the mantle of Ant-Man. After successfully entering the Quantum Realm, the Avengers took interest in him. By recommendation of Sam Wilson, Steve Rogers recruited Lang to oppose the Accords.



## 12) Vision:

Vision is an android who possesses a synthetic body made from vibranium created by Ultron. Vision sees the equations regarding the number of threats related to their actions as the reason for them to allow



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Winter Soldier. (n.d.). Winter Soldier | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom.

https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Winter\_Soldier 

27 Hawkeye. (n.d.). Hawkeye | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Hawkeye



oversight of their actions, so he has openly sided with Tony Stark.<sup>28</sup>

## 13) Peter Parker (Spider-Man):

Peter Parker is a high school student from New York with spider-like abilities, fighting local crimes under the alias of Spider-Man. After videos of him went viral, he was recruited by Tony Stark to help support the Accords. However, due to his young age, he is not an official Avenger, only being recruited to help with this specific issue alone.<sup>29</sup>



## 14) Nick Fury:

Nick Fury is a world-renowned spy, Director of S.H.I.E.L.D., and founder of the Avengers. As he is the Director of S.H.I.E.L.D, Fury wants to cooperate with world leaders by any means necessary, even if it means establishing regulation for his team.<sup>30</sup>



#### 15) Maria Hill:

Maria Hill is the Deputy Director of S.H.I.E.L.D. and also held the title of "Commander". She works closely with Nick Fury and also wants to cooperate with world leaders, whether that be establishing an oversight committee or not.<sup>31</sup>



#### 16) Thaddeus Ross:

Thaddeus Ross is the former Lieutenant General of the United States Army who is now the Secretary of State of the United States. Facing pressure from not only the president but many other



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Ant-Man. (n.d.). Ant-Man | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Ant-Man

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Spider-Man. (n.d.). Spider-Man | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Spider-Man

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Nick Fury. (n.d.). Nick Fury | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Nick\_Fury

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Maria Hill. (n.d.). Maria Hill | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Maria\_Hill



international leaders, Ross urges the Avengers to establish an oversight committee in the new Sokovia Accords.<sup>32</sup>

#### 17) Everett Ross:

Everett Ross is a CIA operative who works under Thaddeus Ross. He has been tasked to control and regulate the Avengers following the Battle of Sokovia and fully supports the Accords.<sup>33</sup>



#### 18) Bruce Banner (The Hulk):

Doctor Robert Bruce Banner, M.D., Ph.D., is a renowned scientist and a founding

member of the Avengers. Highly respected for his work in biochemistry, nuclear physics, and gamma radiation, Banner was tasked by Thaddeus Ross to recreate the Super Soldier Serum that created Captain America. He used high levels of gamma radiation on himself which in turn led to the creation of the Hulk. For years he was on the run from the government and was hunted by Thaddeus Ross. He aided Stark in creating Ultron which led to the destruction of Sokovia which ended in the loss of many lives and much



guilt for what he created. He has an artificially enhanced physiology; superhuman strength, durability, speed, agility, stamina, and reflexes.<sup>34</sup>

#### 19) Thor Odinson:

Thor Odinson is the Asgardian God of Thunder, the prince of Asgard, and a founding member of the Avengers. He restored peace across the nine realms and wielded the mighty weapon of Mjolnir. He developed a love for the Earth after having been banished to Earth by his father. When his brother Loki set out



to conquer Earth in the Battle of New York, Thor immediately came to Earth's aid. He also aided the Avengers in locating Loki's scepter at a Hydra base and fought alongside

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> *Thaddeus Ross*. (n.d.). Thaddeus Ross | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Thaddeus\_Ross

<sup>33</sup> Everett Ross. (n.d.). Everett Ross | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Everett\_Ross 4 Hulk. (n.d.). Hulk | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Hulk



them in the battle of Sokovia. As an Asgardian, Thor possesses incredible supernatural powers and superhuman attributes far surpassing many others of his species; he has superhuman strength, durability, speed, agility, stamina, reflexes, and a speedy healing factor. He also can generate electricity, manipulate storms, and enchant.<sup>35</sup>

## 20) Crossbones:

Brock Rumlow was a HYDRA infiltrator posing as a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent. He is a world-class combatant, with extensive experience in street fighting, martial arts, and military combat techniques. He has battlefield suit capabilities, enhanced strength, and enhanced durability. He has an assortment of lethal weapons and other equipment.<sup>36</sup>



#### 21) Sharon Carter:

Sharon Carter is the great-niece of legendary founder and Director, Peggy Carter. She followed in her aunt's footsteps and is an esteemed agent of S.H.I.E.L.D., codenamed "Agent 13." After HYDRA was revealed to be inside S.H.I.E.L.D, Carter stayed loyal to S.H.I.E.L.D. and fought at the Battle of the Triskelion. After S.H.I.E.L.D. was disbanded, she joined the CIA and continued to give Steve Rogers updates on Bucky Barned until present time. She has unclear loyalties



to Steve Roger and the CIA. She is a master technician, master businesswoman, expert marksman, expert spy, and is bilingual.<sup>37</sup>

## 22) Pepper Potts:

Pepper Potts is the CEO of Stark Industries, who originally was Tony Stark's assistant. She is a master business woman and combatant. Potts also has access to the Rescue Armor which she has used offensively and defensively. She was disappointed with Stark's creation of Ultron and broke off their relationship after the battle of Sokovia as she feared his ambition was getting out of hand.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Thor. (n.d.). Thor | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Thor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Crossbones. (n.d.). Crossbones | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Crossbones

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Sharon Carter. (n.d.). Sharon Carter | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom. https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Sharon\_Carter



Nevertheless, she usually sides with Stark and has access to business partners and other people in high places.  $^{38}$ 

### 23) Shuri

Shuri is the Princess of Wakanda and the sister of T'Challa (Black Panther). Shuri has diplomatic immunity as she is one of the leading powers of a sovereign nation. She has a genius level intelligence and has a vast knowledge of science and technology. She has highly influential connections and is a gifted tactical specialist in combat.<sup>39</sup>



## 24)Baron Helmut Zemo

Baron Zemo is a Sokovian nobleman, a commander of EKO Scorpion, and a former Colonel of the Sokovian Armed forces. His family was lost in the battle of Sokovia and he is dedicated to revenge against the Avengers. He is a genius level intellect, master tactician, master hacker, expert engineer, combatsman, marksman, spy and thief. He also has ties to former Sokovian leaders, members of Hydra, and can speak multiple languages. He has implemented the use of many HYDRA agents, such as Brock Rumlow in the past.

https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Baron\_Zemo#Abilities

25) Daisy Johnson (Quake)

Daisy Johnson is a genius level hacker, S.H.I.E.L.D. operative and Inhuman. She devoted herself to her work in S.H.I.E.L.D and to finding other Inhumans. The registry proposed in the Sokovia Accords would call for all Inhumans to be put on it, including herself. She believes that this is an infringement of privacy and could have disastrous effects. She has an inhuman physiology which gives her the ability to manipulate vibrations, absorb waves, and flight. She is an expert spy, marksman, martial artist, and tactician. She has ties to expert hackers, being one herself, expert former S.H.I.E.L.D. agents (such as

 $<sup>{\</sup>small ^{38}\,Pepper\,Potts.\,(n.d.).\,Pepper\,Potts\,|\,Marvel\,Cinematic\,Universe\,Wiki\,|\,Fandom.\,https://marvel.cinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Pepper\_Potts}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Black Panther. (n.d.). Black Panther | Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki | Fandom.



Melinda May, Leo Fitz, Jemma Simmons, Phil Coulson, etc), and has a small inhuman army at her disposal.

https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Quake#Powers\_and\_Abilities

26)Hope Van Dyne (The Wasp)

Hope Van Dyne is the superhero partner to Scott Lang and the former chairwoman of the board of Pym Technologies. She is against Lang's want to join the Avengers, however she isn't for government regulation as the technology used by her company is unregulated. Her company uses obscure technology and inventions that may be deemed as dangerous by the public. She has the Wasp suit capabilities, which give her size manipulation, superhuman strength, speed, reflex, and flight. She has genius-level intellect, she is a master in engineering, business, and combat. She has numerous off grid facilities, disposable funds, and business friends.

https://marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Wasp#Powers and Abilities