Framing

Pleasure is intrinsically valuable. People consistently regard pleasure and pain as good reasons for action, despite the fact that pleasure doesn't seem to be instrumentally valuable for anything. Moen '16

Moen 16 [(Ole Martin Moen, Research Fellow in Philosophy at University of Oslo) "An Argument for Hedonism," Journal of Value Inquiry (Springer), 50 (2) 2016: 267–281, https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10790-015-9506-9] TDI Ole Martin Moen is a Norwegian philosopher who works primarily with applied ethics and value theory.

Let us start by observing, empirically, that **a widely shared judgment about intrinsic value and disvalue is that pleasure is intrinsically valuable and pain is intrinsically disvaluable. On virtually any proposed list of intrinsic values and disvalues (we will look at some of them below), pleasure is included among the intrinsic values and pain among the intrinsic disvalues.** This inclusion makes intuitive sense, moreover, for **there is something undeniably good about the way pleasure feels and something undeniably bad about the way pain feels, and neither the goodness of pleasure nor the badness of pain seems to be exhausted by the further effects that these experiences might have.** "Pleasure" and "pain" are here understood inclusively, as encompassing anything hedonically positive and anything hedonically negative.2 **The special value statuses of pleasure and pain are manifested in how we treat these experiences in our everyday reasoning about values.** If you tell me that you are heading for the convenience store, **I might ask: "What for?" This is a reasonable question, for when you go to the convenience store you usually do so**, not merely for the sake of going to the convenience store, but **for the sake of achieving something further that you deem to be valuable.** You might answer, for example: "To buy soda." This answer makes sense, for soda is a nice thing and you can get it at the convenience store. I might further inquire, however: "What is buying the soda good for?" This further question can also be a reasonable one, for it need not be obvious why you want the soda. You might answer: "Well, I want it for the pleasure of drinking it." **If I then proceed by asking "But what is the pleasure of drinking the soda good for?" the discussion is likely to reach an awkward end. The reason is that the pleasure is not good for anything further; it is simply** that for which going to the convenience store and buying the soda **is good.**3 As Aristotle observes: "We never ask [a man] what his end is in being pleased, because we assume that **pleasure is choice worthy in itself.**"4 Presumably, a similar story can be told in the case of pains, for if someone says "This is painful!" we never respond by asking: "And why is that a problem?" We take for granted that if something is painful, we have a sufficient explanation of why it is bad. If we are onto something in our everyday reasoning about values, it seems that **pleasure and pain are both places where we reach the end of the line in matters of value.**

Extinction outweighs

GPP 17 (Global Priorities Project, Future of Humanity Institute at the University of Oxford, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, "Existential Risk: Diplomacy and Governance," Global Priorities Project, 2017, https://www.fhi.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/Existential-Risks-2017-01-23.pdf

1.2. THE ETHICS OF EXISTENTIAL RISK In his book Reasons and Persons, Oxford philosopher Derek Parfit advanced an influential argument about the importance of avoiding extinction: I believe that if we destroy mankind, as we now can, this outcome will be much worse than most people think. Compare three outcomes: (1) Peace. (2) A nuclear war that kills 99% of the world's existing population. (3) A nuclear war that kills 100%. (2) would be worse than (1), and (3) would be worse than (2). Which is the greater of these two differences? Most people believe that the greater difference is between (1) and (2). I believe that the difference between (2) and (3) is very much greater. … The Earth will remain habitable for *at least another billion years.* Civilization began only a few thousand years ago. If we do not destroy mankind, these few thousand years may be only *a tiny fraction* of the whole of civilized human history.

The difference between (2) and (3) may thus be the difference between this tiny fraction and all of the rest of this history. If we compare this possible history to a day, what has occurred so far is only a *fraction of a second*.65 In this argument, it seems that Parfit is assuming that the survivors of a nuclear war that kills 99% of the population would eventually be able to recover civilisation without long-term effect. As we have seen, this may not be a safe assumption – but for the purposes of this thought experiment, the point stands. What makes existential catastrophes especially bad is that they would "*destroy the future*," as another Oxford philosopher, Nick Bostrom, puts it.66 **This future could potentially be extremely long and full of flourishing, and would therefore have extremely large value. In standard risk analysis,** when working out how to respond to risk, we work out the expected value of risk reduction, by weighing the probability that an action will prevent an adverse event against the severity of the event. Because the value of preventing existential catastrophe is so vast, even a tiny probability of prevention has huge expected value.67 Of course, there is persisting reasonable disagreement about ethics and there are a number of ways one might resist this conclusion.68 Therefore, it would be unjustified to be overconfident in Parfit and Bostrom's argument. In some areas, government policy does give significant weight to future generations. **For example, in assessing the risks of nuclear waste storage, governments have considered timeframes of thousands, hundreds of thousands, and even a million years.**69 Justifications for this policy usually appeal to principles of intergenerational equity according to which future generations ought to get as much protection as current generations.70 Similarly, widely accepted norms of sustainable development require development that meets the needs of the current generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.71 **However, when it comes to existential risk, it would seem that we fail to live up to principles of intergenerational equity**. **Existential catastrophe would not only give future generations less than the current generations; *it would give them nothing***. Indeed, reducing existential risk plausibly has a quite low cost for us in comparison with the huge expected value it has for future generations. In spite of this, relatively little is done to reduce existential risk. Unless we give up on norms of intergenerational equity, they give us a strong case for significantly increasing our efforts to reduce existential risks. 1.3. WHY EXISTENTIAL RISKS MAY BE SYSTEMATICALLY UNDERINVESTED IN, AND THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY In spite of the importance of existential risk reduction, it probably receives less attention than is warranted. As a result, concerted international cooperation is required if we are to receive adequate protection from existential risks. 1.3.1. Why existential risks are likely to be underinvested in There are several reasons why existential risk reduction is likely to be underinvested in. Firstly, it is a global public good. Economic theory predicts that such goods tend to be underprovided. The benefits of existential risk reduction are widely and indivisibly dispersed around the globe from the countries responsible for taking action. Consequently, a country which reduces existential risk gains only a small portion of the benefits but bears the full brunt of the costs. Countries thus have strong incentives to free ride, receiving the benefits of risk reduction without contributing. As a result, too few do what is in the common interest. Secondly, as already suggested above, existential risk reduction is an intergenerational public good: most of the benefits are enjoyed by future generations who have no say in the political process. For these goods, the problem is temporal free riding: the current generation enjoys the benefits of inaction while future generations bear the costs. Thirdly, many existential risks, such as machine superintelligence, engineered pandemics, and solar geoengineering, pose an unprecedented and uncertain future threat. Consequently, it is hard to develop a satisfactory governance regime for them: there are few existing governance instruments which can be applied to these risks, and it is unclear what shape new instruments should take. In this way, our position with regard to these emerging risks is comparable to the one we faced when nuclear weapons first became available. Cognitive biases also lead people to underestimate existential risks. Since there have not been any catastrophes of this magnitude, these risks are not salient to politicians and the public.72 This is an example of the misapplication of the availability heuristic, a mental shortcut which assumes that something is important only if it can be readily recalled. Another cognitive bias affecting perceptions of existential risk is scope neglect. In a seminal 1992 study, three groups were asked how much they would be willing to pay to save 2,000, 20,000 or 200,000 birds from drowning in uncovered oil ponds. The groups answered $80, $78, and $88, respectively.73 In this case, the size of the benefits had little effect on the scale of the preferred response. People become numbed to the effect of saving lives when the numbers get too large. **74** Scope neglect is a particularly acute problem for existential risk because the numbers at stake are so large. Due to scope neglect, decision-makers are prone to treat existential risks in a similar way to problems which are less severe by many orders of magnitude. A wide range of other cognitive biases

Thus, the framework is consequentialism, and the criterion is maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain.

Prefer:

1] Ground

both debaters have ground underneath consequentialism because every action has a consequence that can be weighed fairly under the framing – others flow exclusively to one side.

2] Topic lit

Most articles are written through a consequentialist lens because they're crafted for policymakers and the public who believe consequences are important – key to fairness because topic lit is how we determine engagement.

3] Death outweighs

a) agents can't act if they fear for their bodily security which constrains every ethical theory, b) it destroys the subject itself – kills any ability to achieve value in ethics since life is a prereq which means it's a constraint since we can't reach the end goal of ethics without life

I'll define appropriation the same way the Outer Space Treaty does

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Based on the premise of '*res communis*', the magna carta of space law, the OST, illustrates outer space as "the province of all mankind".[I] Under Article I, States are free to explore and use outer space and to access all celestial bodies "on the basis of equality and in accordance with international law."[I[i] Although the OST does not explicitly mention "mining" activities, under Article II, outer space including the Moon and other celestial bodies are "not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty" **through use, occupation or any other means.**[lii] Furthermore, the Moon Agreement, 1979, not only defines outer space as "common heritage of mankind" but also proscribes commercial exploitation of planets and asteroids by States unless an international regime is established to govern such activities for "rational management," "equitable sharing" and "expansion of opportunities" in the use of these resources.[liii]

Advantage: Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity in space isn't sufficient - commercialization is a target of cyber attacks. Fidler '18

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Outer space has been a national security priority for spacefaring nations since the 1950s. Governments started space programs for intelligence, military, political, and scientific purposes and developed countermeasures against space-based threats from rivals, such as anti-satellite capabilities. Countries managed security competition by banning weapons of mass destruction in space and cooperating on peaceful uses of space. Government programs catalyzed private-sector adaptation of dual-use technologies to provide satellite communication services.

Despite the importance of satellites, the U.S. General Accounting Office concluded [PDF] in 2002 that efforts on critical infrastructure protection did not include the satellite industry, but should do so. Similarly, cybersecurity has not been a priority in government and private-sector space endeavors. One leading analysis [PDF] asserted that cybersecurity discussions often overlook space activities' vulnerability to cyberattack. For example, neither the UN governmental group of experts (GGE) on outer space nor the UN GGE on cyberspace addressed the convergence of their respective agendas.

Governments, critical infrastructure, and economies rely on space-dependent services—for example, the Global Positioning System (GPS)—that are vulnerable to hostile cyber operations. Geopolitical competition fuels

the militarization of space, which heightens state incentives to devise cyber espionage, interference, and attack strategies against rivals' space operations. The United States suspects that China has engaged in cyber operations against U.S. satellites. Chinese military writings emphasize [PDF] the need to target satellites to "blind and deafen the enemy." The then commander of Air Force Space Command, General John E. Hyten, told Congress in 2016 that "adversaries are developing . . . cyber tools to deny, degrade, and destroy" [PDF] U.S. space capabilities that support war fighting, critical infrastructure, and economic activity. Other countries likely believe the United States is preparing to conduct cyber espionage, disruption, and attack operations against the space assets of rival states.

The commercialization of space heightens cybersecurity concerns for many reasons, including market incentives to lower costs and innovate quickly, often at the expense of software and hardware security. Entrepreneurial activities—dubbed the New Space sector—are underway in space transport, space tourism, asteroid mining, lunar operations, and missions to Mars. A small-satellite ("smallsat") revolution involving spacecraft far smaller than traditional satellites is unfolding. Networks of linked smallsats can provide internet access, communications, data storage and transmission, imaging, and remote sensing. This next generation of satellites harnesses innovations in computing, electronics, miniaturization, imaging, sensors, big data, and artificial intelligence. Satellite services for Earth observations from space are growing. They support many policy and commercial purposes and contribute to agricultural productivity, transportation efficiency, and environmental monitoring. Commercial space activities use cutting-edge technologies and produce valuable data and are, thus, targets for cyber espionage, including economic cyber espionage, and cybercrime.

Challenges

Space agencies, the satellite industry, cybersecurity researchers, nongovernmental bodies, and intergovernmental satellite organizations show increasing awareness of the space cybersecurity challenge. Nevertheless, experts are worried. NASA's then chief information security officer, Jeanette Hanna-Ruiz, warned that "it's a matter of time before someone hacks into something in space." Chatham House's David Livingstone asserted that "people are just shuffling . . . paper around" and suggested that only "a disaster" might catalyze serious action. Josh Hartman, a former senior Pentagon official and Air Force officer, argued before the satellite industry's first cybersecurity summit held in 2017 that, on cybersecurity, "most of the space community . . . has their heads in the sand." The "attack surface" of space activities is expanding, but governments and industry are not taking adequate action.

Protecting space activities requires understanding the particular cyber vulnerabilities that arise in various space operations. For example, satellite cybersecurity encompasses the satellite itself, transmissions to and from Earth, and ground stations. U.S. military and intelligence satellite systems are vulnerable to kinetic and cyberattacks. Civilian smallsat systems might also prove insecure, given the lack of cybersecurity in their design, their use of commercial off-the-shelf components, and the vulnerabilities potentially created by connecting satellites to operate as complex, orbiting networks.

Neither international law nor diplomacy has grappled effectively with space cybersecurity. Multiple bodies of international law are relevant, but controversies about whether and how international law applies to cyberspace have adversely affected cyber diplomacy. Such travails have elevated the prominence of nongovernmental efforts to clarify international law's application in cyberspace, such as the *Tallinn Manual 2.0 on the International Law Applicable to Cyber Operations*. However, states continue to conduct cyber operations that violate international law. For example, the UN International Telecommunication Union prohibits interference with satellite transmissions, yet such interference frequently occurs.

It’s especially bad in Low earth orbit (LEO)

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The cybersecurity of satellites requires significant improvement. Smallsats and CubeSats present particular vulnerabilities to cyberattacks, predominantly due to their minimal construction costs for commercial entities. The deployment of thousands of satellites in constellations overcrowds low Earth orbit, which, coalesced with the presence of military satellites, provides attractive opportunities for malicious actors. Compromising a satellite could result in substantial economic disaster, as well as loss of life. Private corporations have failed to engage with cybersecurity, potentially due to a lack of awareness. This is compounded by the cost of adequately securing their satellites against cyberattacks and the absence of regulation. This is an immediate practical problem that requires urgent action. Employment of further encryption, such as quantum encryption, will significantly harden the cybersecurity of satellites against these risks. Alternative solutions include the development of laser-based communication and concerted focus on strengthening both intrusion detection systems (IDS) and intrusion prevention systems (IPS). Enforcement of such measures is required, and hence, improvement to the regulatory regime regarding the cybersecurity of satellites must urgently be enacted. Current international space law does not adequately address issues of cybersecurity and does not protect satellites from cyberthreats. An international multilateral space cybersecurity regime should be developed, which could be implemented by initially engaging existing intergovernmental organisations. Australia can demonstrate its value as a global leader in space cybersecurity regulation by developing its own comprehensive domestic system, requiring a minimal level of cybersecurity for all satellites. Australia’s capabilities in high-technology cybersecurity position the nation favourably to develop a sophisticated regime of cybersecurity regulation for satellites.

The time to act is now - space privatization makes cyber attacks more dangerous and likely. Khalili 9/18/21

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No matter how well space infrastructure is protected, however, criminals will find a way to launch attacks. The question then becomes: who and why?

Only a matter of time

At the moment, the incentives for cyber actors to launch attacks against space infrastructure are relatively few. With little opportunity to generate revenue, only a minority of hackers are likely to be interested.

The current space cybercrime landscape is dominated by state-sponsored actors, Yamout told us. These individuals or groups are not in it for money, but rather information that might accelerate domestic space research or provide an intelligence advantage over a rival nation. At a stretch, cyber mercenaries employed by private businesses may also be involved in intelligence gathering activities at this stage.

However, as the number of private businesses operating in space increases (think space mining and telecommunications, as well as tourism), the door will open to a variety of different kinds of attack, from a wider range of actors.

"Cybercriminals are only really interested in making money," explained Yamout. "Once space is commercialized and technology becomes sophisticated enough to install malware, criminals will be able to deploy ransomware against critical infrastructure, for example."

"This is a big deal, because infrastructure in space costs a lot of money and is not easy to replace, so criminals will have significant leverage in negotiations."

The fundamental principles of cybercrime are the same in space as they are on earth. As money floods into the sector, it's likely that some of it will flow into the pockets of cybercriminals too.

It's even likely, he says, that hacktivists and script kiddies (amateur hackers looking to hone their craft) could cause problems, launching nuisance attacks that bypass the basic levels of protection, if only to prove that it's possible.

Cyberattacks spiral to all-out nuclear conflict.

Klare 19 [Michael; November 2019; Professor emeritus of peace and world security studies at Hampshire College; "Cyber Battles, Nuclear Outcomes? Dangerous New Pathways to Escalation," Arms Control Association, https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2019-11/features/cyber-battles-nuclear-outcomes-dangerous-new-pathways-escalation]

Yet another pathway to escalation could arise from a cascading series of cyberstrikes and counterstrikes against vital national infrastructure rather than on military targets. All major powers, along with Iran and North Korea, have developed and deployed cyberweapons designed to disrupt and destroy major elements of an adversary's key economic systems, such as power grids, financial systems, and transportation networks. As noted, Russia has infiltrated the U.S. electrical grid, and it is widely believed that the United States has done the same in Russia.12 The Pentagon has also devised a plan known as "Nitro Zeus," intended to immobilize the entire Iranian economy and so force it to capitulate to U.S. demands or, if that approach failed, to pave the way for a crippling air and missile attack.13 The danger here is that economic attacks of this sort, if undertaken during a period of tension and crisis, could lead to an escalating series of tit-for-tat attacks against ever more vital elements of an adversary's critical infrastructure, producing widespread chaos and harm and eventually leading one side to initiate kinetic attacks on critical military targets, risking the

slippery slope to nuclear conflict. For example, a Russian cyberattack on the U.S. power grid could trigger U.S. attacks on Russian energy and financial systems, causing widespread disorder in both countries and generating an impulse for even more devastating attacks. At some point, such attacks "could lead to major conflict and possibly nuclear war."14

Nuke war causes extinction AND outweighs *other* existential risks

PND 16. internally citing Zbigniew Brzezinski, Council of Foreign Relations and former national security adviser to President Carter, Toon and Robock's 2012 study on nuclear winter in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Gareth Evans' International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament Report, Congressional EMP studies, studies on nuclear winter by Seth Baum of the Global Catastrophic Risk Institute and Martin Hellman of Stanford University, and U.S. and Russian former Defense Secretaries and former heads of nuclear missile forces, brief submitted to the United Nations General Assembly, Open-Ended Working Group on nuclear risks. A/AC.286/NGO/13. 05-03-2016.
http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/images/documents/Disarmament-fora/OEWG/2016/Documents/NGO13.pdf

Consequences human survival 12. Even if the 'other' side does NOT launch in response the smoke from 'their' burning cities (incinerated by 'us') will still make 'our' country (and the rest of the world) uninhabitable, potentially inducing global famine lasting up to decades. Toon and Robock note in 'Self Assured Destruction', in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists 68/5, 2012, that: 13. "A nuclear war between Russia and the United States, even after the arsenal reductions planned under New START, could produce a nuclear winter. Hence, an attack by either side could be suicidal, resulting in self assured destruction. Even a 'small' nuclear war between India and Pakistan, with each country detonating 50 Hiroshima-size atom bombs--only about 0.03 percent of the global nuclear arsenal's explosive power--as air bursts in urban areas, could produce so much smoke that temperatures would fall below those of the Little Ice Age of the fourteenth to nineteenth centuries, shortening the growing season around the world and threatening the global food supply. Furthermore, there would be massive ozone depletion, allowing more ultraviolet radiation to reach Earth's surface. Recent studies predict that agricultural production in parts of the United States and China would decline by about 20 percent for four years, and by 10 percent for a decade." 14. A conflagration involving USA/NATO forces and those of Russian federation would most likely cause the deaths of most/nearly all/all humans (and severely impact/extinguish other species) as well as destroying the delicate interwoven techno-structure on which latter-day 'civilization' has come to depend. Temperatures would drop to below those of the last ice-age for up to 30 years as a result of the lofting of up to 180 million tonnes of very black soot into the stratosphere where it would remain for decades. 15. Though human ingenuity and resilience shouldn't be underestimated, human survival itself is arguably problematic, to put it mildly, under a 2000+ warhead USA/Russian federation scenario. 16. The Joint Statement on Catastrophic Humanitarian Consequences signed October 2013 by 146 governments mentioned 'Human Survival' no less than 5 times. The most recent (December 2014) one gives it a highly prominent place. Gareth Evans' ICNND (International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament) Report made it clear that it saw the threat posed by nuclear weapons use as one that at least threatens what we now call 'civilization' and that potentially threatens human survival with an immediacy that even climate change does not, though we can see the results of climate change here and now and of course the immediate post-nuclear results for Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well.

Advantage: Ozone

Starlink sends sats into LEO

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SpaceX's internet-from-space initiative Starlink has unveiled a new rectangular dish that interested customers can buy to tap into the company's growing satellite constellation in low Earth orbit. It's a thinner and lighter weight option than the circular dish that Starlink beta users have been testing over the last year.

Starlink is SpaceX's satellite internet project, which aims to launch nearly 12,000 satellites into low Earth orbit where they can provide broadband internet coverage to people on the ground — notably those in remote and rural areas where traditional internet infrastructure is lacking. With so many satellites in low orbit at once, the idea is to have at least one satellite in view over every patch of the Earth, providing near continuous internet coverage to users. In order to tap into the system, users need to mount a dish somewhere near their home, like the roof, where they can get a clear view of the sky (free of trees) at all times.

SpaceX launched the beta version of Starlink in October 2020, allowing users in certain geographical areas of the US to purchase the company's starter kit, which included a 23-inch-wide circular user terminal — or dish — mounting equipment, a Wi-Fi router, and all the cables one would need. The buy-in cost was $499 for the kit and then $99 a month for coverage. Now, users have the option to buy this new rectangular dish instead, which is just 12 inches wide and 19 inches long. At 9.2 pounds, it's nearly half the weight of the original 16-pound dish. However, the price to buy the rectangular option appears unchanged.

Starlink generates aluminum oxide - that causes a new hole in the ozone

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The hole in the ozone layer, Earth's protective chemical shield that absorbs most of the sun's ultraviolet rays, has slowly healed over the last few decades since the global ban of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). But scientists are now raising the alarm about puncturing a new hole in the ozone layer—this time without any noticeable CGCs in sight. Instead, the surprising cause is deterioration of the aluminum in megaconstellation satellites like SpaceX's Starlink network. For our purposes, a satellite is a human-made object put into low-Earth orbit (LEO) for a planned lifespan. There are about 5,000 active and defunct satellite sin LEO, with over 40,000 Starlink sats planned in the future, plus satellite projects from national space agencies and private companies around the world, researchers from the University of British Columbia say in their new Scientific Reports study. The human-made distinction may seem obvious, but it hasn't always been. That's because, as Space.com reports, scientists spent decades favorably comparing satellite "junk" to the amount of material deposited and burned up in our atmosphere by meteorites. As long as meteorites were so much more of the material by volume while doing almost no harm to the planet, how bad could human-made satellites be? Well, as it turns out, it's a matter of quality rather than quantity. That's because meteorites are made of a different constellation of minerals and elements than our custom-manufactured sky robots. "We have 54 tonnes (60 tons) of meteoroid material coming in every day," lead study author Aaron Boley told Space.com. "With the first generation of Starlink, we can expect about 2 tonnes (2.2 tons) of dead satellites reentering Earth's atmosphere daily. But meteoroids are mostly rock, which is made of oxygen, magnesium and silicon. These satellites are mostly aluminum, which the meteoroids contain only in a very small amount, about 1 [percent]." Aluminum is key to everything at stake here. First, it burns into reflective aluminum oxide, or alumina, which could turn into an unwitting geoengineering experiment that could alter Earth's climate. And second, aluminum oxide could damage and even rip a new hole in the ozone layer. Let's look at each threat separately and try to figure it out. Misadventures in Geoengineering Geoengineering is the umbrella term for technologies that seek to alter the climate or other physical realities about the planet. The major meaning that most people associate with the word is solar geoengineering, an experimental idea to fight climate change. Yes, this includes launching reflective aerosols that will "block the sun" back into space and ostensibly cool the planet, which is what Bill Gates eventually wants to try. But we just don't know how large-scale geoengineering could affect the planet's climate. (In the sci-fi flick Snowpiercer, geoengineering has turned Earth

into a lifeless iceball whose only survivors must crowd aboard an unceasing train. That's probably our worst-case scenario.) Aluminum oxide scatters more light than glass, with a refractive index of about 1.76 compared with just 1.52 for glass and about 1.37 for plain aluminum. The researchers write: "Anthropogenic deposition of aluminum in the atmosphere has long been proposed in the context of geoengineering as a way to alter Earth's albedo. These proposals have been scientifically controversial and controlled experiments encountered substantial opposition. Mega-constellations [of satellites] will begin this process as an uncontrolled experiment." Another Hole in the Ozone? What, then, of the ozone layer? Once again, aluminum oxide comes to the forefront. As aluminum burns, it can chemically react with ozone in the air to form aluminum oxide, thereby depleting the naturally protective supply of ozone in the atmosphere. The atmosphere can absorb a small amount of these chemicals without ill effect, but with tens of thousands of satellites in play, the quantities will naturally go up. That's in addition to the ozone damage done by each rocket launch to put satellites into LEO. "Rockets threaten the ozone layer by depositing radicals directly into the stratosphere, with solid-fueled rockets causing the most damage because of the hydrogen chloride and alumina they contain," the researchers write. While satellites typically dissolve above the stratosphere where most ozone is contained, the particulate can drift down into the stratosphere in order to react there with ozone, scientist Gerhard Drolshagen, an expert on meteoroid material, told Space.com. Aluminum oxide will sink to that level and subsequently cause losses.

Ozone depletion causes extinction

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Now, scientists have found evidence showing it was high levels of UV radiation which collapsed forest ecosystems and killed off many species of fish and tetrapods (our four limbed ancestors) at the end of the Devonian geological period, 359 million years ago. This damaging burst of UV radiation occurred as part of one of the Earth's climate cycles, rather than being caused by a huge volcanic eruption.

The ozone collapse occurred as the climate rapidly warmed following an intense ice age and the researchers suggest that the Earth today could reach comparable temperatures, possibly triggering a similar event. Their findings are published in the journal Science Advances.

The team collected rock samples during expeditions to mountainous polar-regions in East Greenland, which once formed a huge ancient lake bed in the arid interior of the Old Red Sandstone Continent, made up of Europe and North America. This lake was situated in the Earth's southern hemisphere and would have been similar in nature to modern day Lake Chad on the edge of the Sahara Desert.

Other rocks were collected from the Andean Mountains above Lake Titicaca in Bolivia. These South American samples were from the southern continent of Gondwana, which was closer to the Devonian South Pole. They held clues as to what was happening at the edge of the melting Devonian ice sheet, allowing a comparison between the extinction event close to the pole and close to the equator.

Back in the lab, the rocks were dissolved in hydrofluoric acid, releasing microscopic plant spores (like pollen, but from fern like plants that didn't have seeds or flowers) which had lain preserved for hundreds of millions of years. On microscopic examination, the scientists found many of the spores had bizarrely formed spines on their surface -- a response to UV radiation damaging their DNA. Also, many spores had dark pigmented walls, thought to be a kind of protective 'tan', due to increased and damaging UV levels.

The scientists concluded that, during a time of rapid global warming, the ozone layer collapsed for a short period, exposing life on Earth to harmful levels of UV radiation and triggering a mass extinction event on land and in shallow water at the Devonian-Carboniferous boundary.

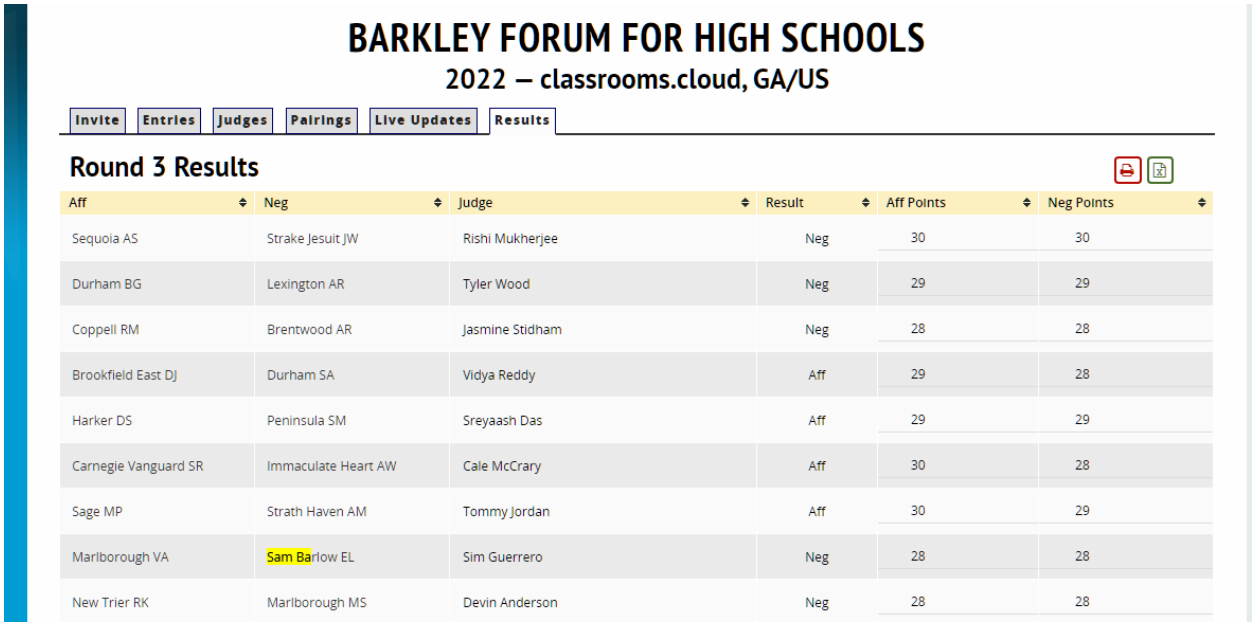
Solvency

Thus the plan: The appropriation of outer space by private entities in Low Earth Orbit is unjust

Disclosure

Interpretation – Debaters must disclose all constructive evidence they read on the NDCA 2021-2022 LD wiki after the round.

Violation --- I can share a screenshot of their lack of disclosure even though they went to emory.



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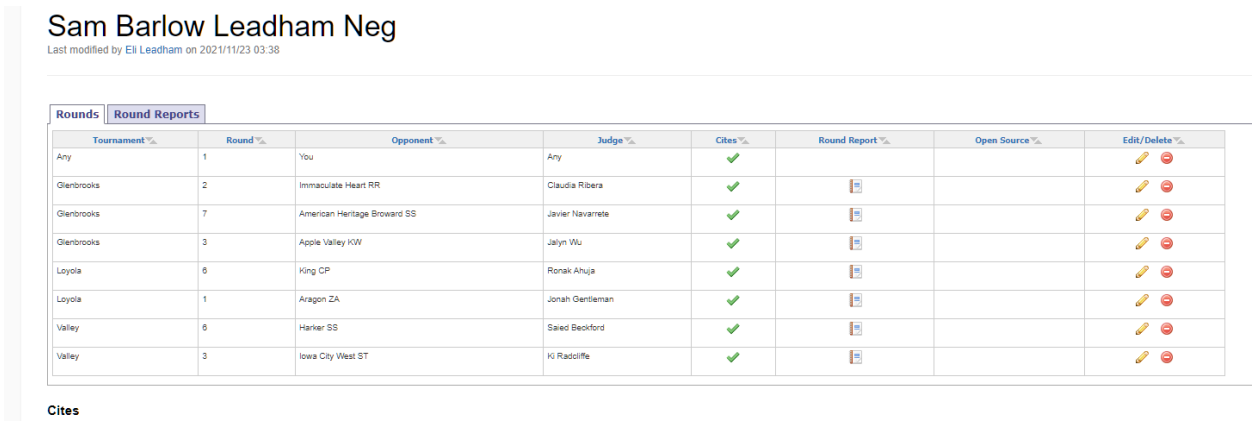
Round 3 Results

Aff	Neg	Judge	Result	Aff Points	Neg Points
Sequoia AS	Strake Jesuit JW	Rishi Mukherjee	Neg	30	30
Durham BG	Lexington AR	Tyler Wood	Neg	29	29
Coppell RM	Brentwood AR	Jasmine Stidham	Neg	28	28
Brookfield East DJ	Durham SA	Vidya Reddy	Aff	29	28
Harker DS	Peninsula SM	Sreyaash Das	Aff	29	29
Carnegie Vanguard SR	Immaculate Heart AW	Cale McCrary	Aff	30	28
Sage MP	Strath Haven AM	Tommy Jordan	Aff	30	29
Marlborough VA	Sam Barlow EL	Sim Guerrero	Neg	28	28
New Trier RK	Marlborough MS	Devin Anderson	Neg	28	28



Sam Barlow Leadham Neg

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Tournament	Round	Opponent	Judge	Cites	Round Report	Open Source	Edit/Delete
Any	1	You	Any	✓			
Glenbrooks	2	Immaculate Heart RR	Claudia Ribera	✓			
Glenbrooks	7	American Heritage Broward SS	Javier Navarrete	✓			
Glenbrooks	3	Apple Valley KW	Jalyn Wu	✓			
Loyola	6	King CP	Ronak Ahuja	✓			
Loyola	1	Aragon ZA	Jonah Gentleman	✓			
Valley	6	Harker SS	Saied Beckford	✓			
Valley	3	Iowa City West ST	Ki Radcliffe	✓			

Cites

Vote aff to preserve education quality, which this tournament says it values. Having the evidence the opponent reads is key to see if my opponent's evidence is accurate, or at least to learn something about their case—that's an independent voter for education and fairness – otherwise debate is useless. <u>This voter comes first in today's round</u>

Standards:

<u>1) Fairness</u> Disclosure helps small school debaters stand a chance against big schoolers. Key to fairness because it gives debaters equal playing ground. The interp is the best middle ground between keeping critical thinking in rebuttals for the aff and making sure the neg does not engage in sketchy evidence ethics and making sure it's a productive round, since the neg can still change before their round but the aff can see what they ran before

2) Research skills— Disclosure forces quality. If the neg is beat in a short amount of research time, it must lose. This forces debaters to make a powerful neg, not a flimsy case. Key to education since research skills are needed to learn

Open source does equal the playing field

Overing 18 – Bob Overing, LD Scholar ("Holiday Disclosure Post #6 – 10 Things Edition" JANUARY 12, 2018. http://www.premierdebate.com/disclosure-post-6/)

Open source improves on usual disclosure practices in the obvious way – **you can read their evidence for better prep*aration*** – and in a number of smaller ways too. **It solves the analytics problem** I discussed above, **so round-altering uncarded arguments are available** (though this doesn't really apply to Harvard-Westlake), **and it gives access to evidence from paywalled articles**. **Every season I coach debaters who lack access to major databases; for schools without robust online library offerings or teams without college coaches, this matters a lot**.

Impact: Drop the debater for killing education and fairness in debate

Voters: Schools won't fund debate if it's unfair or if it's not educational which is bad for the activity as a whole. Education is the only skill we get from debate, it's why debate matters which is why it's a voter. Fairness is critical debate schools won't fund debate if it's not fair which is bad for the activity as a whole.

No RVI's -

1] you don't deserve to win the round just because you proved you were fair because that's what's expected and you shouldn't be rewarded for doing the bare minimum

2] RVI's create a chilling effect that disincentivizes debaters from running theory and calling out abuse in debate because they're scared of the RVI - leads to infinite abuse as debaters can fall back on the RVI which is why they can't be allowed

Competing interps since reasonability invites judge intervention and a race to the bottom for abuse

UV

I get 1ar theory or else the 1nc can be infinitely abusive which outweighs on magnitude