

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
*of Philadelphia*



DEMOCRACY DEMANDS DISCOURSE

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL GLOBAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

# 2021-2022 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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# The Council's Education Team



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INTRODUCTION

# The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia



# About the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia (the 'Council')

- Non-partisan, international affairs experience provider with 70 years+ of expertise in connecting the greater Philadelphia region to the world
- We provide authentic and meaningful learning experiences, and make critical, international affairs topics accessible to people of all ages, political beliefs, and backgrounds. The Council helps the community to understand the world around us.
- Understanding international affairs and employing cultural diplomacy is more important now than ever to strengthen our region and economy, promote civic engagement, and prepare the next generation of leaders to be college and career ready.
- The Council invites the Greater Philadelphia educational community to grow their knowledge of the world through school membership; educational experiences; and a wide-ranging portfolio of events and programming.





# Our "Three Pillars" of Operations:



## TALK

Non-partisan, civil discourse

Over 5,000 speakers to date

More than 25 in-person and virtual events, annually



## TRAVEL

We partner with 30+ councils across the United States

Tours are made to all seven continents of the world

Offer "off-the-beaten-path" views and briefings



## TEACH

85 schools, serving 2,500 students in the region annually

Public, private, charter, parochial, independent, and home school

Co-sponsor of Bodine High School for International Affairs





# Teach: 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

- **2020-2021 Educational Highlights:**

- Over 50% of students served are BIPOC students
- Began an innovative new partnership with iThrive Games Foundation
- Facilitated 39 virtual global education program days; 30,000 learning hours
- 12 different global and national issues; 60 different countries for students to research and represent; 30 external partners

- **2021-2022 Initiatives and Milestones:**

- Continuation of iThrive Games Foundation partnership
- New work-study partnership with Cristo Rey High School for 2021-2022
- Grant-funded initiative to increase participation among Title-I high schools
- 10th year of the Global Smarts Mentoring Program (Middle School/Jr. Model UN)
- 40th Anniversary of the WAC-Bodine Partnership







# Teach: Our Educational Goals

- **The Council's top Educational goal is to develop core global competencies:**



- Expanding students' knowledge of world geography, cultures, economies, languages and international affairs



- Increasing students' ability to understand and recognize emerging transnational issues from a range of perspectives



- Helping students develop the critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills needed to succeed in a competitive global economy, and



- Enhancing students' opportunities to work creatively and collaboratively across local and global borders







2021-2022 EDUCATION OVERVIEW

# High School Membership



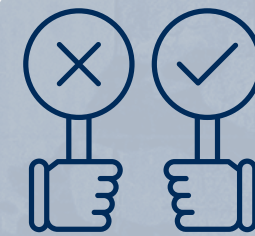


# 2021-2022 High School Membership

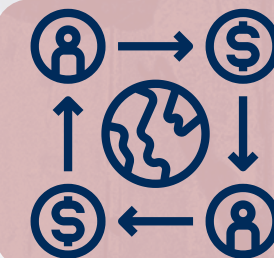
- Provides high school students and educators unparalleled access to our comprehensive suite of global education programming, as well as access to influential leaders and policymakers in the global arena
- The Council will offer both in-person and virtual education programming for 2021-2022, with the ability to adapt all programs to a virtual format should circumstances require it
- Membership opened for all high schools and home schools in the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond on September 1, 2021
- Per School Cost: \$275; Home School Groups of 5 or more: \$100
- Per Student Costs for programs include student participation, in addition to access to briefing papers and other pre-program curricular materials
- *\*Scholarships for High School Membership are available for schools in need of financial assistance*



Model Senate  
*(December 2021)*



Student Debate Series  
*(October 2021 & February 2022)*



Global Economic Forum  
*(March 2022)*



iThrive Sim Programming  
*(Ongoing based on school availability)*



Special Access to Council  
Speaker Events



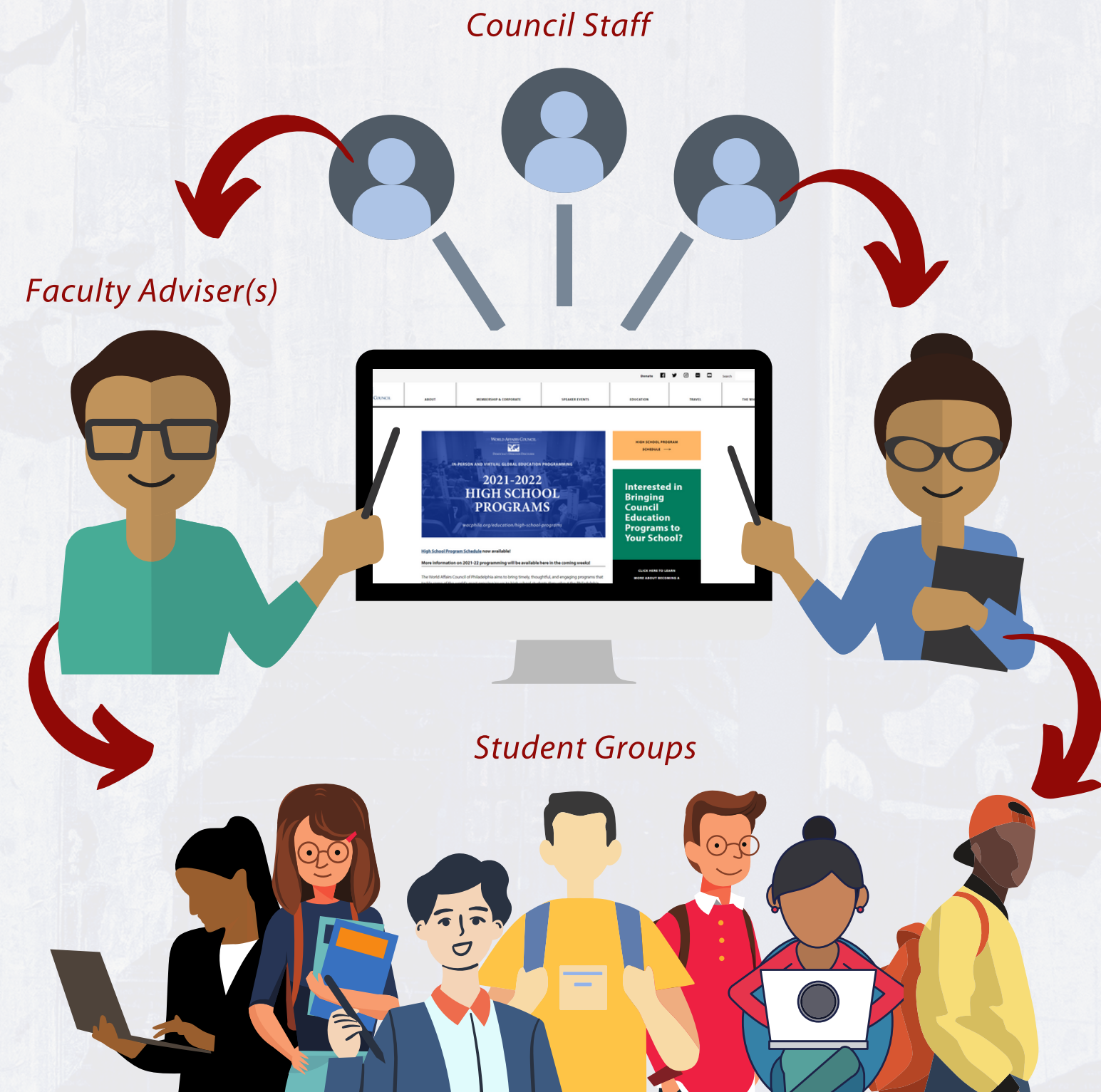
# The Faculty Adviser Role

## Role & Responsibilities

- Each member high school or small group **must have a MINIMUM of one designated "Faculty Adviser"** (typically a teacher, counselor, or home school group lead point of contact) to serve as a primary point of contact for Council staff
- The Faculty Adviser serves in this position for a full academic year. Faculty advisers sign their school/group up for membership and also recruit, register, and prepare their students for individual programs
- Strongly encouraged (though not required) to establish an extracurricular World Affairs Club with biweekly-weekly meetings and student leadership positions

## Benefits

- Special access to the Council's award-winning Speaker Events
- Inclusion in a growing network of a diverse group of Philadelphia-area educators
- Potential to enhance classroom curriculum with the Council's experiential learning opportunities and program resources
- Receive first-hand communication through the Council's Education e-newsletters on professional development opportunities and global education resources.







# Phasing back to in-person programs: COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies

- The Council is committed to guaranteeing the health and safety of all students and teachers participating in 2021-2022 in-person Education programming. We will continue to offer the chance to participate in our Education programs virtually
- When registering for any in-person programming, you agree that all teachers and students participating from your school will adhere to the Council's COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies
- The Council's COVID-19 Health & Safety Policies will be continuously updated throughout the school year to reflect official recommendations to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as mandatory vaccination of all Council Staff, mask mandates, social distancing when possible, and other commonly-used practices







2021-2022 EDUCATION OVERVIEW

# High School Education Programs



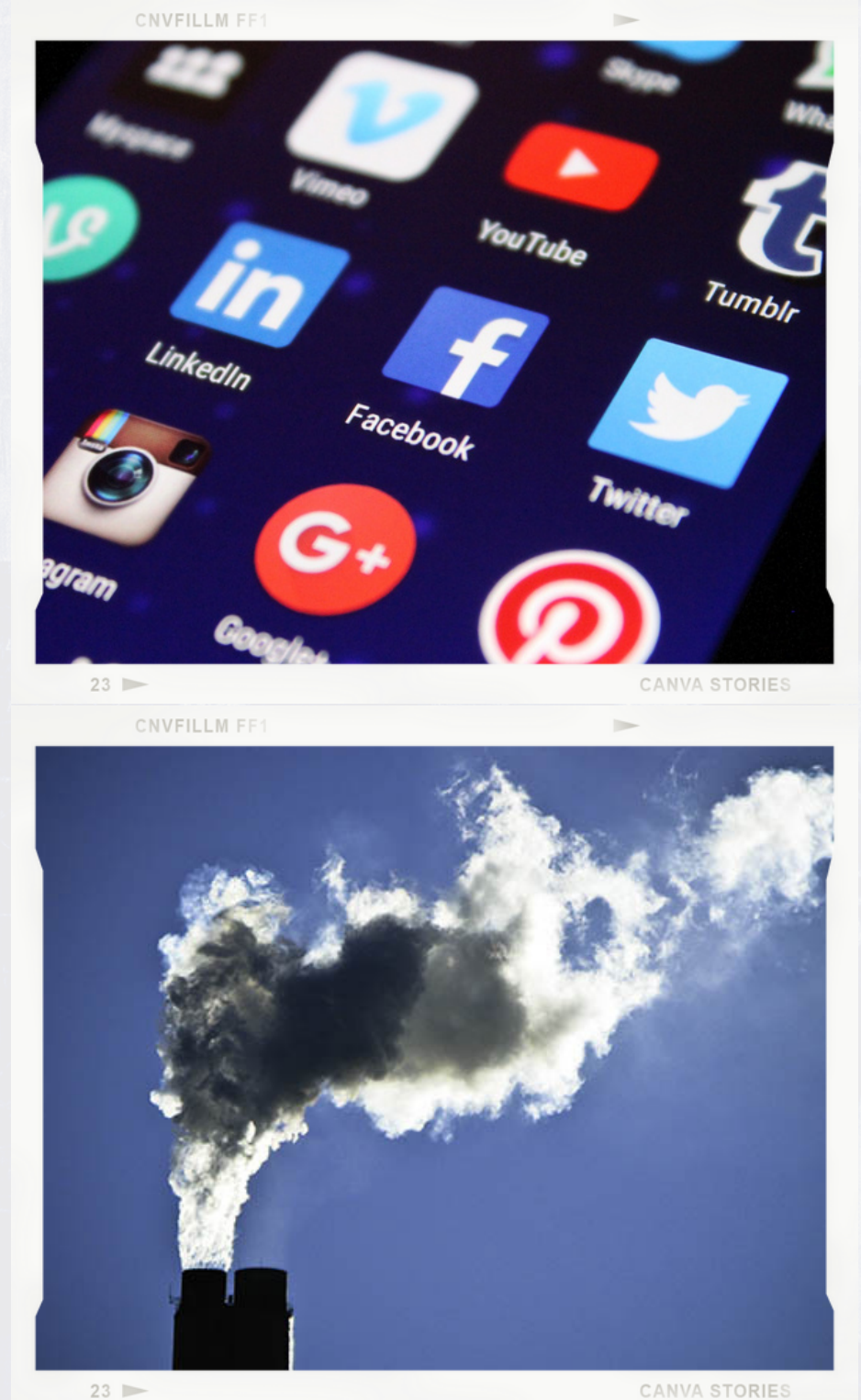


# Model Senate on Science and Technology

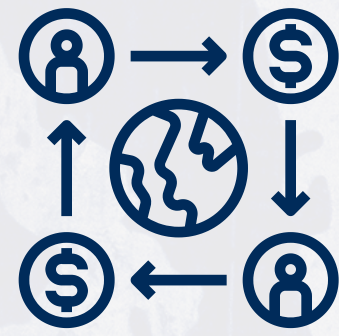
REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN!

***Simulating a subcommittee meeting of U.S. Senators working to create positive solutions to ongoing issues of national and international concern related to science and technology.***

- ~80 students per each full-day program (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
- Subcommittee topics: (1) Big Tech & Social Media, and (2) Carbon Capture and Sequestration
- In-Person Program Date(s): Tuesday, December 7 & Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (tentative)
- Virtual Program Date(s): Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (tentative)
- Preparation Level: High - students must commit to doing several hours of research on assigned role and subcommittee topic prior to the program
- Per student cost: \$55  
*\*Scholarships are available for schools in need of financial assistance*
- Registration Deadline: Friday, October 15







# Global Economic Forum (GEF)

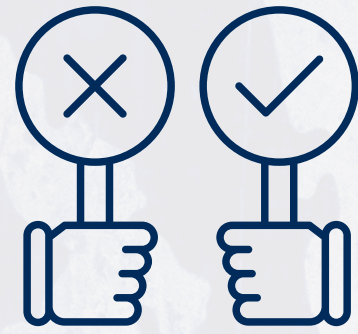
## *Closing the Digital Divide*

*Simulating an international competition for funding where students present their actionable policy proposals to a panel of judges representing the World Bank.*

- ~70 students per each full-day program (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
- Subcommittee topics: (1) Equality in Education, (2) The Widespread Adoption of Telehealth, and (3) Financial Inclusion - "Banking the Unbanked"
- In-Person Program Date(s): Wednesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 3, 2022 (tentative)
- Virtual Program Date(s): Wednesday, March 9 (tentative)
- Preparation Level: High - Students must commit to doing several hours of research on assigned role and subcommittee topic prior to the program
- Per student cost: \$55  
*\*Scholarships are available for schools in need of financial assistance*
- Registration Opens: Monday, January 3, 2022







# Student Debate Series

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NOW OPEN!

*In response to a timely debate prompt, students will be assigned to one of two teams (affirmative or opposed) and will hone their research, writing, strategic thinking, and public speaking skills in the form of an academic debate with their peers. A panel of judges will ultimately decide a winning team and confer awards to outstanding student debaters.*

- ~30 students per program (3:30 - 5:00 p.m.)
- October Debate Topic: Twenty Years Later: The United States' Obligation to Democracy in Afghanistan and Around the World
- October Program Date (in-person): Tuesday, October 26, 2021
- February Program Date (in-person): Thursday, February 17, 2022 (Topic TBD)
- Preparation Level: Medium - Students should anticipate reading a short set of pre-vetted resources from the perspective of their assigned team prior to participating in the program
- Per student cost: \$25  
*\*Scholarships are available for schools in need of financial assistance*
- Registration Deadline (October Program): Friday, October 8, 2021







# iThrive Sim Programming

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*Facilitated through iThrive's unique interface, students are forced to contend with conflicting information from multiple sources including politicians, content-area experts, journalists, and the voice of the people. The information changes quickly and forces students to advocate their positions, negotiate, and compromise to take care of both their constituents and the nation.*

- 6 students per program; 1.5 hours (including an introductory session led by Council staff, followed by 47 minutes of game play and a short debrief session led by Council staff)
- Three Program Topics Available: (1) Lives in Balance, (2) Leading Through Crisis, and (3) Follow the Facts
- Program Dates: Scheduled with Council staff upon request by individual member schools
- Preparation Level: Light - Students are only required to read their 'Character Sheet' prior to the program, and teachers are encouraged to utilize provided resources to extend learning opportunities
- Per student cost: Free with High School Membership!
- Registration now open on rolling basis for remainder of the 2021-2022 school year



**View the trailer!**







# Speaker Events



Hayley Boyle

*Vice President of Programs*





# Speaker Events

## WEBINAR: The Global Movement for Black Lives

September 27, 2021 | Zoom

1 - 2 p.m. Webinar | 2 - 2:30 p.m. Student Briefing Room

Join the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia for a discussion with international organizers, activists, and leaders about the impact that the Movement for Black Lives has had around the world.

### About the Moderator

- Christie Iletto, Emmy Award-winning journalist and team member of 6ABC Action News

### About the Panelists

- Antonio José Bacelar da Silva, Assistant Professor of Brazil Studies at the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona
- F. Angelo Camufingo, a German-Angolan anti-racism and education speaker, consultant, social justice activist, and STUBBORN - Diversity & Inclusion Consultant
- June Francis, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, Business and Society, Innovation and Entrepreneurship; and Director of the Institute for Diaspora Research and Engagement, Simon Fraser University







# Speaker Events

## Between the Wars: Israel, Hamas, and What Happens Next?

October 27, 2021 | World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

5:30 - 7 p.m. Program

Join the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia for a lecture with President Emerita, Buntzie Ellis Churchill, who recently traveled on the 2021 JINSA Generals and Admirals Delegation and met with Israeli Leadership, including Prime Minister Naftali Bennett.

### About the Speaker

- Buntzie Ellis Churchill, President Emerita of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia







# Speaker Events

## WEBINAR: A Conversation with The Honorable Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

November 2, 2021 | Zoom

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Webinar

Join the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia and its partners for a discussion with the Honorable Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights about the importance of promoting and protecting the world's human rights and freedoms.

### About the Speaker

- Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights







# Student Opportunities at Speaker Events

**SPEAKER EVENTS**

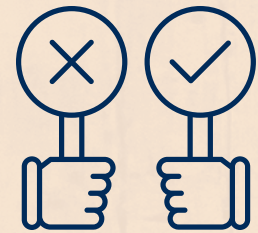


**You're Invited to Ask Our  
Student Question!**

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# Upcoming Events, Programs & Deadlines



## October Student Debate Program

*Registration now open until Friday, October 8!*



## Model Senate

*Registration now open until Friday, October 15!*



Speaker Event & Student Briefing Room - "The Global Movement for Black Lives" *Reach out to Education staff to register faculty and students!*



## iThrive Sim Programming

*Registration now open for the school year! Scheduled based on individual school availability.*





# Questions and Comments?



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