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# The Secession of New Mexico - Overview

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*“The Secession of New Mexico”  
Complex, Multi-Party Negotiation*

**Overview**

This is a complex simulation with multiple parties. The underlying scenario involves a future conflict between New Mexico and the United States, where New Mexico has succeeded from the union. The players include various officials from the United States, New Mexico, Mexico and the United Nations. The United States and New Mexico are direct parties to the dispute. Mexico and the United Nations are attempting to broker some kind of deal that ends (or reduces) the conflict, which is on the verge of escalation, and also helps them meet their various objectives in the process. Each individual role has its own set of interests and objectives, sometime in conflict with other roles from the same side. The simulation is designed for use over multiple class periods. The in-class time for the exercise is approximately four to six hours. See Instructor Notes & Background for more details.

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