

Maine South high school believes that in order to be proactive in this world, we need to approach all issues as an equal to the countries we engage with. America needs to enlarge its role in the world through cooperation with international organizations, such as the United Nations, in order to create a more peaceful and harmonious society. The best way to deal with all of the problems we face is to cooperate with other countries to address these common issues.

However, when the issues in our homeland become our greatest concern, we must fix those first. The American economy is the heart of our country and needs to be stable before we can afford to help others in need. One of the greatest traits of America is our willingness to give and help others, but we cannot put others before ourselves.

Also, when there is an issue that requires our immediate attention, we need to act in our best interest. There are times when our interests will outweigh the desire to cooperate. It is appropriate for the United States to act alone when the security of our citizens is jeopardized. Terrorism and violence are threats of everyday life. Tolerance, or ignorance, of these issues is unacceptable. We live in a world where things are not guaranteed, like our safety and freedom. Therefore, we must be realistic about pending issues. Our own interests must come before cooperation and the ideal of democracy.

Leading the world is a responsibility that comes with the position of being the last world power, wither we like it or not. So we must act with responsibility because with have the power to influence so many. Taking care of our issues first, while still leading the world into a more cooperative future is the surest path to global prosperity.