Should the United States sign the Treaty of Versailles and Join the League of Nations?

Pro Argument (In Favor)

The United States should absolutely join sign the Treaty of Versailles and join the League of Nations. The United States fought in World War 1 and many Americans lost their lives defeating the Germans and their allies. World War 1 had a terrible impact not only on Europeans, but also Americans. It is only right that America should do everything it can to help prevent another major war.

Europeans have been fighting among themselves for hundreds of years and it's time for that fighting to end. With the League of Nations, Woodrow Wilson will help ensure that the world will live in peace. If all the nations of the world work together, then they will have no reason to fight again.

The League of Nations and the Treaty of Versailles will put an end to this ugly and terrible war. We will finally put an end to the empires that have controlled the people of Europe and let all of the individual European people build their own future, instead of having people build it for them. The Polish, the Slovaks, the Czechs, the Austrians, the Hungarians, the Slovenians, and many other nationalities deserve to be able to determine their own future. Currently, they are all being controlled by the Austro-Hungarian empire. The Treaty of Versailles will break up that empire and give those people a proper place in the world.

The United States must sign the Treaty of Versailles. Part of the Treaty of Versailles requires that all countries that sign it MUST join the League of Nations. It is important that we sign the treaty and join the League and not separate the two. If we separate the treaty from the League of Nations, then there is no way that we can promise peace in the future, and that is the most important thing we can do.
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Con Argument (Against)

Signing the Treaty of Versailles and joining the League of Nations would be a terrible mistake. The United States has enjoyed a long history of keeping to itself. Our first president, George Washington warned us against joining alliances with other countries because it would have terrible results. How did World War 1 start in the first place? It started because of many complicated alliances between European countries. Joining an international organization will surely send us into another terrible war.

The Treaty of Versailles is actually a good treaty. It puts an end to this war and demands payment from those countries that caused the most trouble. We have no problem with that. What we do have a problem with is that if we sign the Treaty of Versailles, we will be forced to join the League of Nations too. That is unacceptable.

What the United States needs to do is completely separate itself from Europe. They will only cause trouble. We were forced to enter into this war, and if we join the League of Nations, we will probably be forced to fight in another war. Even if we don’t have to fight another war, we may have to help other countries with their problems, which could cost a lot of money. In addition, helping European countries would not have any benefit to the United States. In America, we value the individual. Each person or country should be able to help themselves, not rely on others for help.

Woodrow Wilson is full of ideas, but they are not realistic. History shows us that there will always be conflict. If the United States wants to stay safe, we need to stay away from the League of Nations and stay away from future conflict.