

Senate Briefing for Fort Worth Conference

Summary of Projected Positions by Organisation

MAPs

MAPS is a division of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that has had a monopoly of state funding into AP research of all types for as long as they have been around. There has been some privately funded research but none has announced any positive results.

MAPs has also had limited success in finding out the nature and cause of the AP condition and has mostly managed various taxonomies. They have recently announced that they can detect AP from cell samples.

They are the incumbent experts on all things AP and have resisted efforts from other agencies to encroach on this. They have made the case to reopen extra dimensional research as this would let them explore closer to the causes of the MDP outbreak and the nature of AP. This obviously had tragic consequences last time it was tried.

The Armed Forces

The Military is tasked with defending the country largely from external threats but also from domestic terrorism if on a large enough scale. The Services maintain that the risk posed by AP has not been adequately assessed. They desire the resources to carry out a proper assessment and to create forces that they consider suitable to respond to AP threats, internal and external. This may or may not involve employing AP nationals.

The Intelligence Agencies, and Law Enforcement

Each intelligence agency has a particular area of interest, external security, internal security and "regular" crime for the CIA, DHS and FBI respectively. Together want to maximise their ability to gather information and to ensure that they, together with the Military and Police, have the resources to deal with any threats they identify. Like the armed forces they insist that not enough intelligence has been gathered to date.

The law enforcement agencies have a mixed response to AP with gratitude from some for the help they provide to resentment from others that they seemingly operate outside the law and so undermine it.

LOAF

(League Of Augmented Folk)

This is an AP civil rights advocacy group. It started out as a support group to help AP struggling with their changes (most AP develop powers as young adults). As anti AP sentiments rose and assaults became more common it developed into more of a civil rights group. Their core message is that AP are just people and have rights to be protected.

They try to act as mediators between the authorities and the other AP organisations with some success. They have concerns about the day to day treatment of AP and want "AP" to become a protected characteristic. They also want clarity on legal reaction to the use of AP powers in day to day life and for example in sport.

ACE

(Augmented Citizens Entente)

Another organisation that has changed focus. Originally it was a loose group of AP vigilantes who came together to prevent further "blue on blue" incidents. It has become more of a way for them to defend themselves against the accusations of the press, law enforcement & "ordinary" people that they are no better than the criminals that they purport to chase. This is focused around the collateral damage they cause and the fact that they seem to flaunt the laws that would apply to ordinary people when they carry out their vigilantism. ACE usually counters it by stating they are simply responding to the escalating threat posed by the criminals. The presence of overtly criminal AP and

none AP criminals using heavier weaponry to deal with AP are seen as an escalation by the general public.

BAST

(Brother, *And* Sisterhood of Transhumans)

BAST has been declared an illegal terrorist organisation. Their policy follows the hard line as stated by Professor Peril, the organisation's spokesperson, that Transhumans (ie AP) are the next evolution of the Human race and "ordinary" people are a lesser species fit only to serve AP. Most members are believed to hold less extreme views but have become radicalised by their contact with Peril and the treatment of themselves and other AP friends and family. There is widespread distrust of AP and bullying & assault are very common at least of the ones without dangerous powers (!).

BAST are of course not invited to the conference, have stated that they will not abide by the rulings of it and are in any case criminals by association.

AAAAA

(All Americans Against Afflicted Aliens)

This is an anti AP advocacy group. They are not numerous but are vocal and have many sympathisers amongst the general population. They advocate extremely strict treatment of AP and the relaxation of their rights. They condone (or incite) violence against APs and are believed to be on the verge of being declared illegal. This only seems to be held up by the fact they overwhelmingly support the incumbent government.

They are not at the conference though they have said that they will be demonstrating outside of it.