Some additional intragroup contacts became easier and more relevant toward the end of the world politics round when players of the Iranian team, for instance, consulted carefully before each statement they made and reached joint decisions on cost and benefit calculations for each of their moves. At the same time the media players prepared reports with a “leak” on an upcoming Iranian offensive against Israel, although the Iranian team had really only chosen to approve some confined violent action by non-state actors and had no intention of using an all-out offensive against Israel.

When these media reports were published, during world politics interactions, the Iranian team felt betrayed as their plans were revealed and exaggerated. Through