

AMERICAN CULTURAL STUDIES

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COURSE REVIEW

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- Updated site how-to page

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- Encouraging ethical, excellent, engaging work

COURSE REVIEW

- Community and communication

SOCIAL DILEMMA

- Peter Kollock, 1998. Social Dilemmas, *Annual Review of Sociology*, 24, 183-214.

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- Individually reasonable behavior leads to a situation in which everyone is worse off.

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that are used to persuade, inform, and organize other humans into joining or refraining from collective action.

EVALUATING SOURCES

CRITICAL THINKING

(SELF-) REFLECTION IS CRITICAL

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- How much do we consider the reality of others?

(SELF-) REFLECTION IS CRITICAL

- Personal depth

DILEMMA: EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING IT

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- Salem witch trials

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- Local rivalries, political turmoil, enduring trauma of war, faulty legal procedure, and possibly low-level environmental contamination

DILEMMA: EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING IT

- Accusing others as means of self-defense

**IT IS RARE FOR PEOPLE TO BE ASKED THE
QUESTION WHICH PUTS THEM SQUARELY IN
FRONT OF THEMSELVES**

— Arthur Miller, *The Crucible*

DILEMMA: INTELLIGENCE VS. COMPORTMENT TOWARDS OTHERS

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- Self-driving cars can kill people now if they kill fewer people later

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- Silicon Valley's solution to the trolley problem

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- Human appeals to faulty software implementation

PROFIT

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Purpose

PRIVATE SECTOR

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Collective goods

CREATING VALUE FOR OTHERS

as well as for oneself

AMERICAN EXPERIMENT

LOCKE, MONTESQUIEU: LIBERTY AS INDIVIDUAL, SAFEGUARDED BY SOCIETY

ALEXANDER HAMILTON, JAMES MADISON: *FEDERALIST PAPERS* "EXPERIMENT" TO REALIZE A REPUBLIC FREE OF CORRUPTION, REplete WITH CHECKS AND BALANCES TO AVOID THE "SENSATIONS OF HORROR AND DISGUST" AT DEVIATIONS FROM CIVIL LIBERTY

**THOMAS JEFFERSON, EXPERIMENT SHOULD BE REVISED
"WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PRESENT"**

ARISTOTLE

AMERICAN EXPERIMENT

FREDERICK DOUGLASS: WHAT TO THE SLAVE IS THE FOURTH OF JULY?

TO SAY NOW THAT AMERICA WAS RIGHT, AND ENGLAND WRONG, IS EXCEEDINGLY EASY. EVERYBODY CAN SAY IT; THE DASTARD, NOT LESS THAN THE NOBLE BRAVE, CAN FLIPPANTLY DISCANT ON THE TYRANNY OF ENGLAND TOWARDS THE AMERICAN COLONIES. IT IS FASHIONABLE TO DO SO; BUT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN, TO PRONOUNCE AGAINST ENGLAND, AND IN FAVOR OF THE CAUSE OF THE COLONIES, TRIED MEN'S SOULS.

**I AM NOT INCLUDED WITHIN THE PALE OF THIS
GLORIOUS ANNIVERSARY! YOUR HIGH INDEPENDENCE
ONLY REVEALS THE IMMEASURABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN
US. ... TO DRAG A MAN IN FETTERS INTO THE GRAND
ILLUMINATED TEMPLE OF LIBERTY, AND CALL UPON HIM TO
JOIN YOU IN JOYOUS ANTHEMS, WERE INHUMAN MOCKERY
AND SACRILEGIOUS IRONY.**

**WITH BRAVE MEN THERE IS ALWAYS A REMEDY FOR
OPPRESSION. JUST HERE, THE IDEA OF A TOTAL
SEPARATION OF THE COLONIES FROM THE CROWN WAS
BORN!**

**...NOTWITHSTANDING THE DARK PICTURE I HAVE THIS DAY
PRESENTED OF THE STATE OF THE NATION, I DO NOT
DESPAIR OF THIS COUNTRY. ... WHILE DRAWING
ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE, THE GREAT PRINCIPLES IT CONTAINS, AND
THE GENIUS OF AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS, MY SPIRIT IS
ALSO CHEERED BY THE OBVIOUS TENDENCIES OF THE AGE.**

**KNOWLEDGE WAS THEN CONFINED AND ENJOYED BY
THE PRIVILEGED FEW, AND THE MULTITUDE WALKED
ON IN MENTAL DARKNESS. BUT A CHANGE HAS NOW
COME OVER THE AFFAIRS OF MANKIND. WALLED CITIES
AND EMPIRES HAVE BECOME UNFASHIONABLE.**

AMERICAN EXPERIMENT

LANGSTON HUGHES: LET AMERICA BE AMERICA AGAIN

SAY, WHO ARE YOU THAT MUMBLES IN THE DARK?

*And who are you that draws your veil across the stars? I
am the poor white, fooled and pushed apart, I am the
Negro bearing slavery's scars. I am the red man driven
from the land, I am the immigrant clutching the hope I
seek— And finding only the same old stupid plan Of
dog eat dog, of mighty crush the weak.*

O, LET AMERICA BE AMERICA AGAIN—

The land that never has been yet— And yet must be—
the land where *every* man is free.

AS A USER OF TEXT MESSAGING, EMAIL, FORUMS

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- How do you work to consider the reality of others, personal depth, heart memory?

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- What are the rights/obligations of people spending time in work communities?

**"...THE BASIC FREEDOM IS ... WHATEVER
DEGREE OF FREEDOM OF ACTION AND
EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY TO PRODUCE
FREEDOM OF INTELLIGENCE" TO DEVELOP
AS INDIVIDUALS AND CONTRIBUTE TO
SOCIETY...**

Dewey, J. (1946). Problems of Men.

HOMEWORK

HOMework

- Use the value sort cards to do the exercise as instructed (instructions within PDF resource).

HOMework

- Write a challenges/reflections post sharing your insights.

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- **Forum how-to; building resources**

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- You also have the **option** to additionally add resources on crafting constructive networks.

MATERIAL

Assignment:

- Value sort cards

Optional reading:

- Douglass, F. Douglass, Frederick (1852). Oration, Delivered in Corinthian Hall, Rochester, July 5th, 1852. Rochester: Lee, Mann & co. <i>Online text.</i>
- Hughes, L. (1936). Let America be great again. Poetry.org. <i>Online poem.</i>
- Magnusson, G. (2020). <a href="https://magnusson.io/post/solving-the-