The Corona Virus

And

The Social Contracts of the Enlightenment

**Assigned: March 24, 2020**

**Due Date: Friday, March 27, 11:59 PM**

**Objective:** You’ve heard it from me before, “I say it here; it comes out there.” Well, it’s happened again. The purpose and objective of this assignment is to take advantage of this moment in our history to appreciate and reflect upon the social contracts of Enlightenment Philosophes: Locke, Rousseau, and Hobbes we studied months ago.

**Task:** Your task is to contemplate, research, and review the contracts the men listed above proposed to societies of their time and to choose one you believe is most relevant to the issues confronting our world today. In other words, choose the contract you believe is or should be in effect today as the Corona Virus changes our global society. Can there be a combination of contracts? Yes. You must think globally, not locally or nationally to accomplish this task.

**Content and Style:**

1. **Identify** your chosen philosophe of the three listed above and **explain** their social contract (FOR AN UNIFORMED READER). In other words, your explanation MUST teach someone who has never heard of your philosophe or their social contract about their reasoning for this contract.
2. Next, **explain** how their contract would be best suited for, or most relevant to today, as we battle the Corona Virus, AND, explain why it is best suited and most relevant.
   1. Your explanation MUST include valid reasoning that connects to **their** beliefs, not simplistic sentences written by you that merely imply what YOU think or know about the virus.
   2. **In other words, imagine yourself as the philosophe you chose living today and write FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE. Imagine they/you are living now and they/you are introducing their/your contract to restore social order.**
3. Your reflection must be typed in MLA format with an MLA formatted Work Cited page that contains a **MINIMUM OF 3 SOURCES**.
   1. Remember, MLA Format requires you to double space your writing.
4. Your reflection must be a **minimum of 300 and no more than 500 words, excluding heading and reference page, with a WORD COUNT PROVIDED AT THE END OF YOUR REFLECTION.**

**Transmission of Assignment and Questions:**

1. Remember, it is your responsibility to email this assignment in a Word or PDF document – not a Google Doc. You can type it on your Google Doc account, but save it in Word or a PDF **BEFORE** sending it to [bertrand.cass@fsw.edu](mailto:bertrand.cass@fsw.edu) or [bmcass@fsw.edu](mailto:bmcass@fsw.edu)
2. When you send the email, make sure you type INTO THE SUBJECT LINE**: YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME, PERIOD NUMBER, AS WELL AS THE ASSIGNMENT NAME – *VIRUS AND THE SOCIAL CONTRACT***
3. You should also add a brief note to me explaining what you are sending.
4. Lastly, ask any and all questions SOONER rather than LATER. Asking a question on Friday morning is not advisable. Read the assignment and if you are confused about anything, write your question(s) down and send me your question(s) via email.

**Plagiarism:** Obviously, you are working on this at home. You can, and probably will, collaborate or discuss this assignment with your mates. That said, plagiarism will not be tolerated. Plagiarizing from sources and your mates will result in a grade of ZERO for all involved. Quoting your sources is a MUST. Remember, I know how each of you write; and, I have read each of you since August. There is no reason to plagiarize **your** opinion. Is there? Collaboration is good, plagiarizing is not. Simply follow the specifics of the task, content, and style, **think** and write.

**Assessment:** See: Edited California State University Analytical Writing Rubric

1. The rubric is posted with this assignment.
2. Please read the specifics and expectations of the rubric.
3. If you have any questions or concerns, email them immediately.