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PHI - 110

Assignment 2

1. What is the difference between Escaping to freedom and Escaping from freedom?

Escaping from freedom is a negative freedom with a false solution to a person's problem of isolation and loneliness whereby they tend to seek refuge in social conformity while escaping to freedom is a positive freedom whereby an individual develops a form of replacement of the old order.

Escaping a freedom with no structure or guidance
seeking liberty from/restraint

2. Can one ever be unconditionally free?

One cannot be unconditionally free since we are at times in captivity of our inner thoughts due to one reason or the other. In any normal life, one must be troubled by even petty issues that don't really matter.

Feelings of guilt + shame

Unconditionally Free State means that one is absolutely free from any form of issues that are likely to cause trouble.

3. Explain how freedom for the individual is or is not a psychological problem for the individual and is or is not a psychological problem for society?

Q3

THIS QUESTION IS FROM ASSIGNMENT 1 -
THE QUESTION ON THE STATE OF NATURE IS FOR THIS QUESTION

ALSO, YOU
DID NOT
INCLUDE
THE
QUESTION
ON
MUTUAL
ASSURED
DESTRUCTION,
MUTUAL
DETERRENCE, +
NUCLEAR
SECURITY

Freedom for the individual is a psychological problem because it affects the thinking. If an individual has freedom or lacks freedom, his ways can be seen from the manner in which he acts or behaves. Besides, any action is triggered by the mind hence becoming a psychological problem. Moreover, any behavior of an individual affects the society directly hence the freedom for the individual is a psychological problem for the society.

Without authoritarianism, what would be the positive and/or negative outcome for the individual and society?

Q4a Q4 + Q4a

If individuals are freed from the authoritarianism, they will have personal freedom to make independent decisions without being chained by the power of authority and law. Hence, individual will make correct actions of their own will. The society will also be liberal minded where people have room to adjust to the political system. This means, both the individuals and the society will embrace positive outcomes.

YOU DO NOT DO
Q5a

6 5. How does Fromm's explanation of sado-masochism guide the interaction between the individual and the society?

People who join the sadomasochistic groups, they are taught by frames and conceptual tools which enable them in transforming, applying, defining and limiting them. Hence, individuals can interact with the society through relationships, situations and scenes.

Q26
6 5(a) Identify which part of individual and society is the sadist and which part is the masochist and if this roles change, how they change.

Sadists are a diverse group such as straights, gays, men and women while masochists are a part of group who finds pleasure in self-denial or by harming others. The roles can change where individuals find satisfaction in themselves without expecting the same from other people.

6. Can destructiveness, as described by Fromm (F, PP.177-182) benefit the individual and society?

Destructive cannot be said as a human nature and neither innate since it's not common to all men. However, lack destructiveness is characteristic for hunter-gathers and its likely to be found in more highly developed primitive societies. Nonetheless, destructiveness dominates the picture in civilized societies and not

peacefulness. Hence, destructiveness cannot help the individuals and the society.

8 7. **How does Fromm's discussion of automation conformity apply and/or not applied to today's America?**

The automation conformity is very relevant in today's America. Many individuals easily follow the opinions and rules of other people without protesting and thinking. This is due to peer pressure majorly by youths. The same scenario can be seen in groups where decisions are made and individuals follow them without making independent decisions.

9 8. **Could freedom of the individual negate freedom in the social community and could freedom in the social community destroy freedom for the individual?**

Fromm uses the marketing character when addressing the modern society and how a society can remain healthy and allow greatest opportunity for health development. Fromm depicts that the society can achieve this by having healthy individuals with social character. Hence, freedom of the individuals negates freedom in the social community given that the community is comprised of many individual and every action of an individual impact on the society. Also, the freedom of the social community

negates the freedom of the individual in that by an individual will be restricted by the freedom set by the community.

- Q10
9. What role do free will and/or determinism play in one's escape to freedom and escape from freedom?

FROM ASSET 1 - MDI
THIS ASSIGNMENT

Determinism provides a way for people to work towards salvation by enabling them to escape to freedom. Besides, free will helps individuals who escape to freedom in discovering their holiness whereby they can commit themselves to frugality and working hard. Free will and determinism helps individuals to realize themselves in making personal decisions and helps them by creating awareness which enable them direct their own future.

Where is
Q10 on
The film
Cast Away?

Mohammad - You did not do many questions for THIS assignment. Also, what you answered after had no relevance to the question.

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