

Kennesaw State University

PAD 7250: Leadership & Ethics in Public Administration

Short Memorandum Assignment 3

Distributed: Thursday, February 25, 2021

Due: Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 11:30 p.m. in the D2L Assignment Box

Directions: Write a short memorandum (4-6 pages, doubled-spaced, with no cover page in a Word file) addressing all parts of the question(s) posed below.

The readings for the week of February 25 call for a reinvigoration of “character” and “ethos” as a means of improving public service ethics. Rather than focusing exclusively on self-interest and offering excuses such as “everybody does it,” the ethical administrator must be trained to appreciate “virtue,” as James Q. Wilson explains the concept. First, explain what the terms “character,” “ethos,” and “virtue” mean. Do you agree with these readings? Why or why not? Explain.