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Question 1

In general, I believe that the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution is applied correctly. Regrettably, there are several occasions where the proper application is non-existent. Almost every day, the news reports on situations where people are denied due process or equal protection. Since the press can influence how criminal activity is perceived, many folks are unaware of the complete story because of how it is framed. In turn, this causes public discontent and makes resolving the matter in the pursuit of justice extremely difficult. For instance, following the terror incident on September 11, 2001, the American public demanded justice for the victims who died. Citizens grew intolerant to anybody who looked to be of Islamic heritage once established responsible for the tragedy (Alshrari, 2020). As a result, calls to enforcement agencies skyrocketed due to every Muslim's perception as a jihadist. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, which occasioned the United States' involvement in World War II, authorities in the United States authorized roughly two-thirds of people of Japanese origin to be picked up and incarcerated in concentration camps (Bohuski, 2019). This action violated the 14th Amendment, as these persons were denied due process, even though it had been suspended.

Question 2

We are all in charge of our actions. We have no control over the circumstances we find ourselves in, but we have power over how we react to them. Besides, we are schooled how to respond to life or work-related issues as effectively. Thus, enforcing rules and our moral or ethical values combine to determine how we react to them.

Question 3

I am a believer in the Bible. The cornerstone of my Biblical Worldview, I contend, is founded on the teachings of God as our maker. As stated in our studies, I also care about free will. Even so, Rashid (2019) argue that free will can lead us down a dangerous path, causing us to engage in harmful behaviors that are harmful to ourselves and society.

Question 4

Without a doubt, this is a major ethical and moral predicament. Do you put the good of the majority ahead of the potential of preserving a few lives? If I consider what the Almighty might have us undertake, I believe I will have to shoot down the plane. I would choose to save the majority at the expense of a few unlucky victims. In Ephesians 5:17, the Bible says, "Do not be rash, but comprehend what the Lord's will is (Bible Gateway, n.d). It is not a popular option, but it is crucial to make meaningful choices and minor ones as we study leadership.

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