

Group Exercise

Group A:

Imagine a dystopian society based on the absolute authority of a government that is insular and populist. The ultimate goals of this government and its leadership are preservation of the national identity and the preservation of individual wealth.

The “conformity rule” in your society is that all citizens must dye their skin and hair orange.

Group B:

Imagine a dystopian society based on the absolute authority of a government that is oligarchic and globalist. The ultimate goal of this government and its leadership is to create fair and equitable conditions for all people both locally and globally, while centralizing power within the ruling class.

The “conformity rule” in your society is that all citizens must wear pant suits and smile and nod constantly.

For each group, describe the following:

1. What does daily life look like for the citizenry? For the ruling class?
2. What are the cardinal sins in your society? Why? What are the punishments for breaking these social mores or laws? Why?
3. After 50 years, what good has resulted from the government’s pursuit of its ultimate goal(s)? What evils have resulted?