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Intrapersonal Activity

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Directions: Read and imagine yourself under the following conditions. Then mark your answer to the question asked and explain, in complete sentences, why you chose that answer.

1. Let's suppose that your existing democratic government is suddenly overtaken by a new dictatorship type of government. The new government in control decrees that from now on the right to speak and worship freely is forbidden. Should you choose not to obey the new regulations, you will be severely punished, jailed and/or put to death.

How would you respond to such harsh regulations?

_____ a. I would obey the new regulations just as the new government decreed.

_____ b. I would not obey them despite the risks involved.

Explain why you chose that answer.

2. The new government in control decrees that because of your religious faith you and your family will be deported to another country to help rebuild their war damaged industries. The government promises that the exile will only be temporary and after the war has ended you and your family will be allowed to return home and take possession again of your home and other personal belongings.

How would you respond to such harsh orders?

_____ a. I would attempt to escape or hide.

_____ b. I would not attempt to escape or hide for fear of being punished.

Explain why you chose that answer.

3. Heavily armed soldiers have arrived and completely encircled your house. Everyone is ordered to get out of the house and told to congregate on the street. Afterwards an order is given to start marching toward the railroad station. On the way to the station you notice that your other neighbors of the same religious faith are also ordered to march to the railroad station, while the neighbors and friends that are of a different religious faith are left safely behind at their homes without any harm being brought upon them.

What should your neighbors have done?

_____ a. My neighbors had no moral obligation to protest or help me.

_____ b. My neighbors should have protested and offered help.

Explain why you chose that answer.

4. You, your family, and all other people of the same religious faith as yours are ordered to get into totally enclosed, cattle type freight trains. The guards close and lock the doors. You are given no food or water nor told of the journey's destination. After several days of traveling, the train comes to a stop. Armed soldiers unlock and open the doors and you are ordered to get off the train. Without any warning you are forcibly separated from your family and placed with an adult group. You see armed soldiers beating other children who resisted being separated from their parents. You cannot understand why they are so brutal, but you have no time to think about it because your main concern now is how you are going to survive this horrible ordeal.

Which of the following would you chose?

_____ a. I would complain about the harsh treatments, even at the risk of being punished for it.

_____ b. I would do what I was told to do for fear of being punished.

Explain why you chose that answer.

5. You are placed in a work group where you march about eight miles to work, work all day building air raid shelters, and then march eight miles back to camp. There are two guards with sub-machine guns for every work group of 12 people. The guards shoot people who pass out from exhaustion.

What would you do if you found yourself in this situation?

_____ a. I would try to escape while I was away from camp.

_____ b. I would try to hold out hoping for the end of the war and release.

Explain why you chose that answer.

6. Without any warning you are suddenly pulled out of the work group. Until now you have been able to convince the authorities that you are older than you really are because you know that if they find out about your real age they will end your life in the gas chambers. But now they have somehow found out about your real age and have taken you out of the work group and told you that the following day you will be sent to an extermination camp for certain death.

Which of the following would you choose?

_____ a. I would plead for mercy and ask to be returned to the work group.

_____ b. I would not ask for mercy or to be returned to a work group.

Explain why you chose that answer.

7. You are now standing outside on a cold and bitter morning, listening for the sounds of a truck that will take you to an extermination camp for certain death. After standing about fifteen minutes you hear the sound of a truck approaching and you know what they mean. Suddenly, you begin to concentrate on what the next several days will be like.

Describe what you would be concentrating on, what your life is going to be like.

8. As you concentrate on the next several days of your life, you become aware that the person in charge of the camp is walking in your direction. He stops right in front of you and, without saying a word, motions his right hand, signaling you to get back to the work group.

Describe your thoughts now and how your life has just changed in those last few minutes.

9. After over fourteen months of imprisonment, you are finally liberated from the camp. After several weeks in a displaced person camp, you return home to find that you are the only one from your family who survived the horrors of the camps. All others have perished in the death camps.

What actions would you take?

_____ a. I would do everything possible to bring the murders to justice.

_____ b. I would take justice into my own hands.

_____ c. I would attempt to make a new beginning.

_____ d. I would attempt to end my life.

Explain why you chose that answer.

10. Years later, many books and articles are written stating that ordeals such as you went through in the camps really did not happen.

How would you respond to that?

_____ a. I would remain silent.

_____ b. I would counteract that by telling what I saw and experienced.

Explain why you chose that answer.