

SCENARIO HANDOUT

SCENARIO ONE: A REVOLT HAS BROKEN OUT

In a distant western part of your country, a group of business owners, merchants, farmers, and lawyers has broken out. These rebels have asked for their rights as members of your nation to be fully honored. They have threatened to revolt violently if their demands have not been met. They have already destroyed the property of some of our merchants and seized some of the forts that we have in the area.

What do you want to do? Explain your answer and provide a rationale based on the different philosophers.

Option A: Ignore the revolt. Preserve your government and arrest the rebels. (Hobbes)

Option B: Talk to the rebels. Offer them some of the rights they have been denied and arrest the rebel leaders. (Montesquieu)

Option C: Talk to the rebels. Offer them all the rights they have been denied and pardon the rebel leaders. (Rousseau)

Option D: Let them create their own, separate nation. (Locke)

Explain: Because what is the point in fighting it would just be better if you gave them some of their demands and arrested the leaders.

SCENARIO TWO: ANOTHER REVOLT HAS BROKEN OUT

In the main city of your country, a group of people who are calling themselves the Radicals, have organized and called for massive change in your country. They are upset that they are paying most of the taxes for the city and that they have been unable to create change through normal political means. Their leader, Jack Roberts, has called for everyone who opposes him to be arrested and tried by his committee. Several local officials and government workers have been tried, convinced, and punished by the committee with jail time, exile, and beheading.

What do you want to do? Explain your answer and provide a rationale based on the different philosophers.

Option A: Ignore the revolt. Preserve your government and arrest the rebels. (Hobbes)

Option B: Talk to the rebels. Tell them to appeal to the government for the changes they wish to see. (Montesquieu)

Option C: Talk to the rebels. Tell them to appeal to the social needs of their group and our larger nation. (Rousseau)

Option D: Allow them to form their party and contribute to the nation. (Locke)

Explain: to be honest i didnt really know what to pick and i dont know how to explain why i chose this answer i just felt like it was right i had a really good gut feeling.

SCENARIO THREE: RAPID CHANGE

In the eastern quarter of your nation, there has been rapid change as factories and workshops have taken the area by storm. Whereas the region was once known for making a few but excellent quality chairs and tables. Now they have enough chairs and tables to share their goods across the world. Merchants have been established in the area and the wealth of this region is one of the greatest in the land. Not all is well though. The workers of these factories have been upset that the wealth of their area has not been shared with them. They continue to live in poverty and their neighborhoods feature housing that is considered substandard. In response, they have formed coalitions and organizations to support their needs and demands and these groups have threatened the wealth of the entire region. Talks between the groups and the owners of the factories have broken down and the entire region is in chaos.

What do you want to do? Explain your answer and provide a rationale based on the different philosophers.

Option A: Use your military to prove the power of your government and arrest the group leaders. (Hobbes)

Option B: Talk to the groups and owners of the factories. Tell them both to appeal to the government for the changes they wish to see. (Montesquieu & Beccari)

Option C: Talk to the owners of the factories. Tell them to appeal to the social needs of workers to help avoid an industrial slowdown. (Locke)

Option D: Tell the group and its leaders that the government will defend their rights as citizens, and work to pass laws protecting their safety and housing conditions. (Rousseau)
Explain: I chose this answer because the military force is a good force and they are strong and sometimes people listen to them. What I'm basically saying is they have more power to be honest.