Module 7 – Explicating A Text – Civil Disobedience

1. Less governance is preferable, and the optimal situation is no governance at all when the citizens are prepared for that. Government can operate using the wrong methods and may unethically operate using their standing army that is one of their tools that they use to maintain power, to the detriment of their people.
2. Less government is a goal leading to an optimal goal of no governance at all when the people are ready to accept less or no governance at all. There would be no need for excessive rules, regulations or interference into the peoples’ lives. Government may operate from methods of convenience but not necessarily ethical means, that end up not benefiting the people.

There have been many negatives stated about a standing arm, that is a vehicle, a tool used by the standing government against its own people before the people can stand up against it.

1. An example of the government overstepping against its citizens could be its response to COVID and the many restrictions and rules imposed on the people. This resulted in some unfair practices and impositions on the people’s freedoms. These rules and demands had detrimental effects, some long term and some permanent. An example would be the many businesses that had to decrease their hours or shut down completely. Many could not financially survive the impact of those shutdowns during the COVID pandemic. Governments and others with power and influence, used that power for economic gain while the people were suffering, with their compliance to unfair and sometimes unnecessary restrictions. The effects on individuals and society will be felt for a long time, if not forever.
2. I will continue to use the COVID pandemic as a reference point, but with a different scenario. The government continued to change their story to what best suited their needs and desired outcome at the time. Politics and economic benefits to government officials and drug companies were occurring quite frequently during that time.

The wearing of masks, not wearing of masks, the type of masks, distance from others, etc. Many of the actual rules were bordering on stupid, and they often were stupid. The government officials were lying about the kind of masks advisable so that they could save them for the medical profession. This was understandable to a certain extent, to provide the medical profession what they needed because they were the first responders, but still it was a lie and what they were telling people to wear was not effective, it just cost people money.

**PARAPHRASING TEXT – CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE #2**

**I am including this with this part of assignment because I tried 5 or 6x to save, and share but it did not work. With the other questions, I was able to save and share.**

When government is considered to be successful by finding a balance between the citizen’s rights and needs for certain systems to maintain, that government is best when it comes close to the optimal belief that no governance or government is best.