Freedom Denied & Dignity Withheld

Our class will be looking at the necessary freedoms that uphold the dignity of all people. Having covered the basic necessities of life, our next step is to consider what social freedoms are fundamental to maintaining a just society. We will begin doing this by exploring where these freedoms are lacking in our world today. Together we will classify and analyze modern day oppressions in order to discover the components vital for a dignified society.

Basic Social Freedoms with Brief Introductions

- **Freedom of Speech & the Press**—the right to express your ideas and opinions & to listen to the thoughts and opinions of others, even/especially if critical of govt.
- **Freedom of Conscience & Religion**—freedom of belief, values and mind
- **Freedom of Assembly/Association**—freedom to hold meetings, to meet together (both publicly & privately) to discuss problems and to plan actions
- **The Right to Petition the Government**—the right to ask your government to do something or to refrain from doing something without fear of retribution
- **The Right to Fair Trial & Due Process**—the basis for equality in the justice system. Due process balances the power of the law and an individual’s right to fair treatment based in their innate dignity. When a government harms a person without following the exact course of the law, this constitutes a due process violation.
- **The Right to Privacy**—our right to keep a domain around us, which includes all those things that are part of us, such as our body, home, property, thoughts, feelings, secrets and to choose which parts in this domain can be accessed by others

Research

With your group you will research modern day oppressions taking place in the world today (current or no more than 2 years old). You need to find one for each of the six Basic Social Freedoms.

- **Here is the catch.** Once you have an oppression for one of the freedoms, you need to put it on the shared Google Drive Doc. If another group has found that oppression first, you need to find another one. Every example listed for all 6 social freedoms must be a different oppression.
  - At least one of your modern day oppressions need to come from the US. Our society is not perfect and only by looking in our dark places can we continue to create the best society possible.

- Once you have your topic you can now do some analysis:
  - For each Basic Social Freedom you must:
    - Research the oppression you discovered & the social freedom it is lacking.
    - You need to be able to explain how the oppression you identified illustrates a lack of the social freedom & the consequences of that absence.
    - **Ultimately you must illustrate a comprehensive grasp of the freedom itself, your oppression and the ramifications of its absence on that community/society.**
Choose some mechanism for reporting on your six basic social freedoms as explained through the oppressions you discovered. This should be creative, analytical & informative. **All sources must be cited.** You will submit a paper copy of your works cited page on the due date and include in text citations. (60 Points)

Different Platform Options:
- PowerPoint or Keynote Presentation that is animated, timed & with voiceover
- A Video using I-Movie (you will need to upload it to YouTube & share the link with Ms. Steiert)
- **ThingLink** (which links photos with information shared through text, videos, etc…)

**Peer & Self Critiques**—one set from each member in separate sealed envelopes that are completed before entering the classroom on the project Due Date (30 points)

**Group Members:** Names & Phone Numbers

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**Submit it to Ms. Steiert**
- This will be due at the beginning of class, **by e-mail**, through link or file shared with Ms. Steiert.
- One submission per group & make sure all names are labeled on the presentation

**90 Points Possible**

**Grading Rubric:**
- The presentation is creative, flows & fully uses the platform (PowerPoint, Prezi, etc…) for optimum dissemination of information (6 points)
- All sources cited appropriately using MLA 8 format (6 points)
- For all 6 Social Freedoms— illustrate a comprehensive grasp of the freedom itself, your oppression chosen and the ramifications of its absence on that community/society (8 points EACH)