Part 3: Ethical Dilemma Assignment

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Scenario 1:

I am a new government official that has been tasked with working with COVID-19 response and recovery. Our city is having low infection rates despising all of the emergence of the new high transmittable Me being the government official, I would recommend that everyone should wear masks and stay 6 feet away from people at all times. This will help with spreading the germs. If we are not very close to each other, this will limit all of the close social reaction and the contamination. During this time, I suggest that no more than 6 people in a group should be around each other in order to avoid a spike in COVID rates. I want to avoid heavily populated areas because as a city we do not want to spike COVID. As a city, we want to keep the rates stabilized as much as we can. We want to keep COVID maintained so that it does not get harder to get out of control and we keep it maintained. As the government official, I suggest that we follow these orders so that it does not get worse because if it does not this will be our life for a long time. We do not want to wear masks for a long time. With that being said, I suggest that we follow the rules so that we do not have to face this for a very long time. If all rules and regulations are followed, the next few years will a lot better than it is now.

Scenario 2:

I have a local business called, “Cooking on the Coast.” We offer to supply that food and beverages for our city’s annual Memorial Day party. Our city is a military town and this why this event is very valuable to us. With that being said, the event is an important day to celebrate the military personnel that have lost their lives fighting for our country. The event does not cost much because the company will save the department tens of thousands of dollars. This event is going to be promoting it on their materials like the food and the plastic utensils and products. I have some level of the unofficial political involvement. There are some expectations for the associated with the partnership such as making the event look organized and together for the Memorial Day event. It should look very nice because this a very important to represent the military personnel. The military is very special to us because they do so much for our towns and countries. They deserve an annual event for Memorial Day to recognize them for all their accomplishments that they have done. I choose to accept the company’s offer to provide food and beverages because this makes it better for the event itself to provide food and drinks. It makes it more welcoming and more of an event. It will keep our guests there longer if there is food and drinks. It is more time to socialize and be more involved in the event. In the document of “Practices to promote the ASPA code of Ethics.” in our class notes, I have learned that a ASPA member is committed to advance the Public Interest by seeking to advance the good of the public as a whole, subordinate personal interests and institutional loyalties to the public good, and much more. The article is describing that it is good to promote to the publics best interest.

Scenario 3:

I am a police officer and I was recently made aware of a coworker whose name is Officer Blue has a negative social media presence that contradicts the image of both the department and the city due to the presence that contradicts the image of both the departments and the city. This is because of the presence of the racially insensitive and the discriminatory language. In the reading, “Why Professional Government Doesn’t Stand a Chance,” it is contrasted that the police in the New York City shows that the Mayor Bill has not paid them the difference that they do demand. It says in the article that, “That is, they have been reporting for duty, so as to get paid, but by making few arrests have been refusing to engage in their duties.” The Officer Blue argues that her personal profile is separate from her professional life. I would report Officer Blue. It is an inappropriate action for a city worker and her job is too important to have biased in the workplace.

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