House of Commons Reflection

1. **Compare the benefits and drawbacks of democratic and authoritarian forms of decision making, with respect to the rights and responsibilities of citizens; the rule of law; efficiency; the common good; and majority rule and the rights of minorities.**

Accountable democracies are critical for a good government system however I noticed a few things when I was proposing bills. I noticed that when I was proposing the Wealth Redistribution provision the citizens were very defensive against this bill, there were responses including that the government should only benefit the majority not the minority, the provision would have no effect on the majority but they were upset that the wealth minority was getting help. This attitude is similar to the civil rights issue where one argument is that the government should serve the majority even if the minority suffers, the cultural and wealth majorities felt that the minority should not be helped even if they have a disadvantage similar to the fight on affirmative action where racial minorities are given more access to education and employment opportunities. Under an authoritarian government this would not be the case the government could pass bills and respect minority rights without listening to the people. However if there were to be an authoritarian government there would be no guarantee that the government would help the minority they may be ignorant and work against the minority, there is no accountability.

1. **Explain why it is essential in a democracy for governments to be open and accountable to their citizens, while at the same time protecting the personal information that citizens are required to provide to their governments.  Are there ever instances when governments should not do this? Explain.**

Democracies must be open and accountable, while still protecting information rights of citizens. However in certain cases the government must break these information rights for example under certain government forms like tax forms the government may have to release these tax forms if a citizen is under trial for tax evasion or other crimes. It is important to protect the information given to the government however the government must do what is right for the greater good, if someone’s personal information is revealed for the purpose of incriminating evidence or giving valuable information then the government must do this. There are also times where government cannot be open for example under military missions the government cannot release that they are bombing an ISIS controlled area in Syria, this would allow the enemy to respond to the attack and retaliate. However the government needs to be open on other issues that are not critical to national security.

**3. Given that people respond predictably to positive and negative incentives, what policies should your government introduce in the next House of Commons?**

The government in the next House of Commons if they wish to get public approval should create positive incentives for the majority. I have learned if the majority of the people ever receive a negative incentive or if the minority receive a positive incentive the majority of people will become upset. I learned that when I passed bill C-2 people did not vote on the issue because it would benefit the people and the minorities most disenfranchised they did this for their own economic purposes. I also learned for future events how to propose legislation, the people agreed with me when I attempted to compromise with them, if I appear to be an extremist then the government will attempt to compromise with me giving me what I want and not what the government really wants. I should also be aggressive, I did an experiment through these last two days. The first day I was an aggressive extremist, I passed bill C-2 a socialist policy that contradicts with many people’s hidden agenda. However on the second day I was more centrist and polite, I could not pass a bill that was essentially a welfare bill using extra money that government does not need and does not increase taxes, and barely a liberal policy but it could not be passed with people claiming it was a “communist bill”. This shows that the people do not want politeness they wish to be distracted by extremism and they only want what is best for them not what is best for everyone else. So the only way to pass a bill is to be aggressive and act like a populist to garner support among the people to pressure the other MPs while having a bill that only benefits the majority never the minority, this is a very dysfunctional system and an example of why direct democracies can never work.