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Assignment 11

The Future of American Society

While the future of American society in the United States is uncertain and subject to various

factors such as technological advances, shifting political and social attitudes, and changes in the

economy, it is likely to see a balance between individualism and community responsibility, leading to a

more diverse, inclusive, and engaged society for future generations, but only if the citizens take an active

role in shaping it.

In 20 years, American Society in the United States is likely to be very different from what it is

today. Advances in technology, changes in the economy, and shifting political and social attitudes will all

play a role in shaping the country's future. Technology advances daily and is one of the biggest impacts

on American society today. The widespread use of artificial intelligence and robotics is likely to

significantly affect the job market, leading to new opportunities and challenges for workers. Some jobs

that people currently do may become automated, which could result in increased efficiency and

productivity. However, it may also lead to job loss for many workers and a growing gap between the rich

and the poor. It is interesting to see where Artificial intelligence will bring us, as things like ChatGPT and

Bing's new AI chatbots are already insanely powerful without having access to the live internet. I believe

these bots are great tools, and it is debated whether or not it is "cheating" to use such bots. I saw an

argument in an article a few weeks back where the author made a point about these AI chatbots being

similar to a calculator. While calculators were considered cheating when they were first invented, it is

now just a common tool for us to use, as it is not about doing the math for us. It is about knowing how to

use it properly to get the correct answer. I believe AI chatbots are similar. While we can't ask the bot to

create an entire app for us, we can ask how to fix bugs or help us create new functions quickly instead of searching through stackoverflow for days.

Another area where the United States is likely to see significant change is rights and equality. In the next 20 years, the country may become more inclusive and diverse, emphasizing equality and justice for all people. However, there are also potential challenges in this area, as some people may resist these changes and push back against the growing emphasis on diversity and inclusiveness. With the rise of the next generation, I feel that more and more of us want equality. No matter our race, gender, political status, or religious preference, we should all strive to be equal and hope for a peaceful world. However, one of the biggest questions is whether future generations will be engaged citizens. This week we read "Hyperdemocracy" by Hugh Heclo. Hyperdemocracy results from the increasing demand for greater participation and representation in democratic processes, combined with the growing power of interest groups and special interests. "Alongside innovations in communication technology, there have also been remarkable developments in 'political technologies' -sophisticated techniques for studying, manufacturing, organizing and manipulating public opinion to produce political support for candidates and causes." (Heclo, 1999). On the one hand, the increased use of technology and the availability of information may make it easier for people to become more informed and involved in public life. On the other hand, it is possible that people will become more isolated and disconnected, relying on technology rather than personal interactions to connect with others.

In terms of responsibility, American society will likely continue to become more individualistic, emphasizing personal responsibility and self-reliance. At the same time, however, a growing recognition of the importance of community and collective action may balance this trend. As technology continues to advance, it may become easier for people to connect and collaborate with others, even from a distance. "The consequences of radical individualism are more strikingly evident today than they were even a decade ago." (Bellah, 1996). As an introvert, I live the dream right now with a remote job. At

home, I can work stress-free, do my work as needed, and take some pauses. While I have been to the office a few times, it is crazy to see how much more work I can get done in the comfort of my home without stressing about anyone staring at me and my work and being free to take a little walk now and then instead of sitting in a cubicle. I can, however, see the downsides of this. My father tells me how important networking is and getting to know the people around you, and while that is true, I can't help but want to stay in my current situation as long as possible. "Individualism in business leads to greater creativity and innovation." (Davenport, 2017). In terms of individual behavior, American society will likely continue to evolve and change over the next 20 years. Some people may become more self-interested, valuing personal success and achievement over the well-being of others. At the same time, however, a growing number of people may become more aware of the importance of community and the impact of their actions on others.

In conclusion, the future of American society in the United States is uncertain and full of possibilities. Technological advances, economic changes, and shifting political and social attitudes will all play a role in shaping the country's future. However, it is up to the country's citizens to determine the direction it takes and whether it becomes a more inclusive and equitable society. In "Where Does Morality Come From?" Adam Friended talks about morality and how everyone has a different idea of what it is. We are all different. Some may find one thing bad, while others don't. Whether that be because of religious reasons, or cultural reasons, I can only hope that the future will hold a more unified world. But only time will tell what the future holds, but it is important to stay engaged and involved in shaping it for the better.

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