
CRIM 419 / INDG 419

Assignment 2: Dealing with Crime and Trouble

Respond to one of the following questions in a response of no longer than 2000 words (excluding title page and any references) that outlines your views and links them to the course readings, seminars and videos you have been exposed to thus far.

1. Funding for Indigenous Justice programs in Canada has been somewhat precarious and their future uncertain. But now we have a Prime Minister who indicates he is interested in reconciling Indigenous and settler people/s. But policies and priorities are still being established. Mr. Trudeau hears that you are taking Crim/INDG 419 and hence know something about these issues, and would like to have your input. So how would you advise him? What do you think should be the federal government's approach to "Aboriginal/Indigenous justice"? Should there be separate institutions for Indigenous law? Prepare a policy statement that you could send to Prime Minister Trudeau and his Minister of Justice that sets forth what you believe should comprise the federal government's "Indigenous justice" agenda for the next 5-10 years. In the process, justify your position and show that you understand the aspirations of the Indigenous peoples and leaders we cover in this course regarding the development of Indigenous Justice programs/systems and address their rights and concerns.

OR

2. The BC First Nations Justice Council has released a "BC First Nations Justice Strategy" that you can find at https://bcfnjc.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/BCFNJC_Justice-Strategy_February-2020.pdf What do you think of it? Evaluate the strategy in terms of how well it reflects your views about what the future of "Indigenous justice" should look like, as well as the aspirations of the Indigenous peoples and leaders we cover in this course regarding the development of Indigenous Justice programs/systems.

Your response is not due until the end of semester ... December 8th according to our course syllabus, although I would encourage you to start thinking about it now and at least jotting down some ideas while our classes and readings are fresh in your memory. You don't want to be putting yourself in the position of needing to read everything all over again when you have so much else to do at the end of the semester, including what will be Assignment 3. And although not due until December 8th, you are welcome to submit your response anytime.

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