

# Causative Actions

Real Life Scenarios: Learning to think before we act and later evaluate our responses. Enabling us to better shape and understand our behavior!

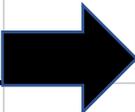
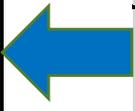
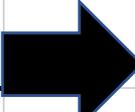
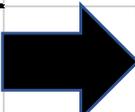
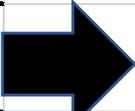
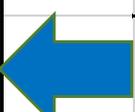
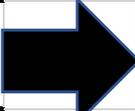
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# SOCIAL VALUES

The Diagram below displays how each scenario given in this program is correlated to a different scenario via the underlying moral code.

THE FRUSTRATED PASSENGER		COMPROMISE/ DISCIPLINE		FLASHING LIGHTS
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS		INJUSTICE/ EMPATHY		THE TRIO
CLEAR PATH		UNFORSEEN TRAGEDY/EMPATHY		RAIN, SLEET, SNOW
STRAY BULLET		ANTI-BULLY		SOCIAL MEDIA
PARAPHANELIA		SOBRIETY/ADDICTION		FOUL COMPETITION
THE CAR RIDE		ANGER MANAGEMENT		DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
STRANGER DANGER		PREDATORIAL ACTS		THREE ICE CREAM CONES
ONLINE ENCOUNTERS		PARENTING/ ABUSE		A BROKEN PROMISE
30 DAY NOTICE		TEMPTAION/RESILIENCE		THE UNSEEN VICTIM
THE PROMOTION		GRIEF/ REMORSE		THE SOLUTION
OH'DEEER		APATHY/PREVENTION		THE HOLIDAY FEAST
THE FRAT PARTY		ACCOMPLICE /NEUTRALITY		QUICK STOP

## **CURRICULUM**

This program consists of 24 scenarios that may unexpectedly occur in daily life. Participants are asked to provide feedback on the most appropriate response in each situation. There are two questions per assignment. The first question is multiple choice, and the second asks participants to explain in detail why the previous answer was chosen.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Causative Action Program is to reduce recidivism and redirect antisocial norms perpetuated by institutionalization. By asking participants to evaluate potential conflicts we aim to replace impulsive reactions with positive methods of conflict resolution. This course will teach participants that the choices they make day-in-and-day-out create the outcomes that will steer their life trajectories. The multiple choice questions subconsciously instill alternative ways of thinking, while having participants explain in their own words why they chose one method of action over another enhances cognitive reasoning abilities. It is essential to allow inmates, many of whom have been incarcerated for long durations, to reenter society through safe and supportive role play before being thrust into situations that can prove overwhelming. This curriculum will prepare men and women to re-enter society with confidence and adaptive coping mechanisms.

## **LOCATION**

The Causative Actions Program can be conducted in a classroom setting or adapted to an in-cell course to accommodate modified program/lockdown and/or Special Housing Arrangements, such as Administrative Segregation (AD-Seg), Security Housing Units (SHU), etc.

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# THE UNSEEN VICTIM

## SCENARIO

Your reflection in the mirror reminds you of all the lost years you spent incarcerated for a crime you committed in your youth. The once full set of dark healthy hair is now lacking luster and predominantly gray. Emancipation came by surprise. New laws came into effect, which led to an earlier parole date than the courts had originally ordered. Adapting to the social and societal norms as a parolee who has spent majority of life behind bars has proven to be extremely difficult. One of the hardest tasks has been trying to acquire a stable job with a felony criminal record. You don't know how to operate in this new era. At a moment when you're feeling particularly defeated and alone, some family members offer an invitation to join them at a cocktail lounge. Once inside the bar, a small group of people begin glancing in your direction. Those quick glances turn into odd stares. You scan the crowd of unfamiliar faces and then become alarmed when one of the individuals burst into tears the moment they lock eyes with you. With a face full of tears, the individual cries out, "It's you!" Reality hits like a ton of bricks. They are the relatives of the person you victimized. The individual in tears is the Unseen Victim of your crime.

## QUESTIONS

- 1) How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Sincerely apologize to the victim's family for your actions as a youth and then ask for their forgiveness.
  - b) Deny responsibility of the crime and then blame your lengthy incarceration on a corrupt justice system.
  - c) Try to justify your actions and then ask what they would have done if they were in your shoes.
  - d) Turn around and leave the bar to avoid any potential conflict.
  - e) None of the above.
  
- 2) Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.  
(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# THE FRUSTRATED PASSENGER

## SCENARIO

You start the morning with a fresh cup of coffee in preparation for an important job interview. Afterward, you are one of the first people to arrive at the bus stop, while some late-comers nearly miss the bus. You sit in the last vacant seat. Moments later, a visibly frustrated passenger, who appears to be years younger than you, approaches. With his hands on his hips and a snobbish attitude, he stands over you, as if you are sitting in his seat. The bus driver makes an announcement over the speaker system, "Ladies and gentlemen, please clear the aisle so that we can proceed to our next destination. The bus will not move until every passenger is secured." Still standing in the middle of the aisle hovering over you is the frustrated passenger, who is now pointing his finger at the rails in the back of the bus for the passengers who must stand as the bus is in motion. "Excuse me but you are in my seat!" the man snaps at you. You survey the bus and realize that all the passengers are looking your way.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to the scenario?
  - a) Avoid confrontation by relocating to the back of the bus, where you will have to use the rails to help you stand for the duration of the bus ride.
  - b) Ignore the frustrated passenger until you get your point across that you are not relocating anywhere.
  - c) Stand your ground even if it leads to a physical altercation.
  - d) Exit the bus and find a different way to get to your job interview.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.  
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# 30 DAY NOTICE

## SCENARIO

One morning, you find a 30-day eviction notice taped to the front door. Between paying a car note every month and providing for your family, rent is rarely paid on time. In addition, your supervisor caught you sleeping on the job for a third time this month and garnished a portion of your pay check. Late nights of studying for college exams once the kids are asleep have begun to wear you down. Being a single parent has proven to be the ultimate challenge. Twenty days into the 30-day notice, the financial deficit remains unpaid. That's when you cross paths with an old friend from high school. To your surprise, this once upon a time troublemaker is now living an opulent lifestyle. You confide your troubles and ask your acquaintance if they have any job leads. That's when the person proposes a well-planned grand larceny scheme that offers a \$5,000 payout.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Take the offer to avoid being evicted.
  - b) Maintain your integrity by finding a legitimate way to pay rent.
  - c) Refuse the offer and then alert the authorities.
  - d) Refuse the offer but don't alert the authorities.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.  
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# STRAY BULLET

## SCENARIO

The headline reads, *"A mother slain as she eats dinner with her family."* A stray bullet from a gang-related shooting pierced through the walls of her house and severed the woman's jugular vein. At the dinner table, her husband and two children witnessed the tragedy. The older of the two siblings is a childhood friend of yours. A week after the death, you purchase a bouquet of roses, a stuffed animal, and a sympathy card and devise a plan to surprise your friend with the gifts. When you arrive to her residence, you secretly place all the items on the doorstep, ring the doorbell, and then make a dash back to your vehicle. Moments later, when the front door never opens, you give her a call. With excitement in your voice, you tell your friend to look outside her front doorstep because someone has left a present. In a dull tone, your friend responds, "I don't want it." Now, full of concern, you ask, "Is everything okay?" Suddenly, your friend begins to cry hysterically and screams out, "I have nothing to live for!" The phone call disconnects. You immediately press redial. No answer. You exit your vehicle and run as fast as you can to the front door and ring the doorbell relentlessly. No answer.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Force your way into the house by any means necessary.
  - b) Alert the authorities immediately.
  - c) Continue to call her phone and ring the doorbell until someone answers.
  - d) Drive away so that your friend can mourn and reach out again later.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# QUICK STOP

## SCENARIO

It's movie night, and you're headed to see the highly anticipated new action-thriller sequel that is dominating the box office. A childhood friend, along with two of his relatives who are unfamiliar to you, are all occupants in your vehicle. The mood in the car is peaceful as everyone nods their heads to the music on the radio. You make an announcement: "I'm going to make a quick stop at the gas station so we can load up on snacks before we go to the movie theaters." As you pull into the parking lot, suddenly the vibe in the car changes. All three of the passengers look over to a couple of strangers, who, as they pump gas, are completely oblivious to the glares of your occupants. Leery of the unspoken tension, you park directly in front of the gas station as far as possible from the individuals who are at the gas pump. As you put the vehicle in park you notice one of the passengers in the backseat secretly pulls out a semi-automatic handgun. You look at your childhood friend who grabs the door handle and says, "Just stay in the car and wait for us all to get back." All three of the passengers exit your vehicle with weapons drawn as they begin creeping towards the two strangers at the gas pump.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you respond to this scenario?
  - a) Stop all three of your passengers before they exit your vehicle and make it loud and clear that you don't want anything to do with breaking any laws.
  - b) Do as your childhood friend asks of you and then keep whatever transpires to yourself.
  - c) Wait until all three passengers are cleared from your vehicle and then quickly drive off without them.
  - d) When the coast is clear, abandon your vehicle and then immediately contact law enforcement.
  - e) None of the above.

2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# A BROKEN PROMISE

## SCENARIO

On your day off, you enjoy relaxing on the couch and catching up on all your favorite TV shows. Sometime in the afternoon, your child comes storming in from school and slams her backpack on the living room floor. The erratic behavior becomes more alarming as she paces back and forth. In mid-stride, she stops and takes a seat next to you on the couch. With a look of concern, you ask, "Is everything okay?" Your kid looks you directly in the eyes and then replies, "No. Well, I'm okay, but my best friend isn't. However, I can't tell you because I promised I wouldn't tell anyone her secret." You reach for the remote control and turn off the TV. "Well honey, if your friend is in harm's way, then a broken promise just might save their life." You watch as your words sink in. "Okay, but the only way I'm going to tell you is if you promise me that you won't say a word to anyone, ever!" Tears from your child's face fall to the floor. After making the promise, you learn that the kid is being sexually abused by their stepfather while her mother is at work. The best friend has pledged to commit suicide if her secret is ever revealed.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you respond to this scenario?
  - a) Console your child and keep your promise to never say a word to anyone, ever.
  - b) Explain to your child why you must break your promise and then alert:
    - I. The mother.
    - II. The principal at their school.
    - III. Law enforcement.
  - c) Confront the stepfather yourself.
  - d) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

## SCENARIO

A long day of work has you emotionally and physically exhausted by the time you clock out. It's late in the evening and the unexpected overtime your manager mandated has now interfered with the reservations you made to take your spouse out to celebrate the one-year anniversary of your wedding. As you're leaving work, your cell phone rings. You try to answer, but then the phone dies. You race home. Halfway there, though, a tire blows out. It takes 45 minutes to put the spare on. When you finally make it through the front door, your spouse is standing there in pajamas with arms folded. You apologize, try to explain what happened and then reach for a hug. Instead of an embrace, you receive an open hand slap across the face. The sound of the slap echoes as you reel from what just happened.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Accept the abuse with the understanding that your spouse acted out of emotion.
  - b) Restrain your spouse until everyone calms down.
  - c) Strike your spouse back in return.
  - d) Grab your belongings and leave the residence.
  - e) Call law enforcement.
  - f) None of the above.

2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# STRANGER DANGER

## SCENARIO

It's a cloudless day and the sun emits just enough warmth to maintain a perfect 70-degree temperature afternoon. Children buzz around the playground pursuing one another in a game of *Tag—You're It*. You're relaxing on a blanket nearby eating fruit, when you notice a suspicious looking car traveling up and down the street. A 6-foot chain-link fence borders the circumference of the park separating the asphalt from the turf. The kids give up the game of tag, grab a soccer ball, and then head out to the field. At one point the goalie chases down the soccer ball and is greeted by the occupant of the suspicious car who is now kneeling just outside the fence. You watch the goalie and the stranger exchange a few words before the goalie throws the ball back and begins walking towards the exit. The stranger jumps back into the car waiting. The kid stops and looks around, then continues toward the car. The kids playing soccer never notice their friend's departure.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Scream out stranger danger and then motion for all the kids to report to you before the goalie can make it out of the exit gate.
  - b) Run after the goalie and then confront the occupant in the suspicious car.
  - c) Without knowing whether the occupant in the suspicious car is a family member of the kid, write down the license plate number and then report it along with an explanation of what you witnessed to law enforcement.
  - d) Mind your own business.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# CLEAR PATH

## SCENARIO

The flamboyant paint job on your new high-performance sports vehicle glistens as you pull up to a red light. You rev the engine for attention. When the light turns green, you stomp the accelerator so hard, that the rear wheels briefly spin in place before they catch traction and the car darts off. All the other vehicles sitting at the light are now in the rearview mirror. The site of an unoccupied patrol car brings you back down to the speed limit — and back down to reality. Last month your license was suspended for driving while intoxicated. As the speed of your vehicle reduces, a fancy old-school muscle car pulls alongside you, revs the engine and then speeds off. You immediately take it as a challenge and accelerate to top speed in pursuit. The old-school muscle car jets through an intersection as the green light turns yellow. You, following a few paces behind, try to clear the intersection as well. A sedan with the right-of-way attempts to make a left turn. You crash into the other car. The impact of the collision capsizes the sedan while only doing minimal damage to your new hot-rod. The other driver and a passenger are battered and bruised as their bodies hang upside down. Eyewitnesses immediately rush over to aid the victims. You, free of injury, have a chance to flee.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Immediately get out of the vehicle and rush over to help the victims in the sedan before turning yourself into law enforcement.
  - b) Flee the scene and destroy all evidence.
  - c) Fabricate the details to avoid punishment once law enforcement arrives.
  - d) None of the above.

2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# PARAPHERNALIA

## SCENARIO

While mopping the kitchen floor, you notice your teenage child remove a zip lock bag out of her backpack and set it on the kitchen counter. You glance over at the bag and see what appears to be a hypodermic needle inside of it. You immediately drop the mop and seize the bag. A closer evaluation proves it to be a syringe with dried-up blood stains covering it. With a look of fear and a tone of concern, you ask, "Where did you get this from?" Your child replies, "They're all over campus. We have to sweep them off the court just so we can play basketball!" At that moment you take the time to educate your teenager on the variety of diseases one can contract if accidentally poked by the needle. With regret, she apologizes for touching it. You properly dispose of the paraphernalia. Unsettled, the next day you decide to pick your child up from school. As you pull into the school's parking lot, you notice a couple of individuals who appear to be too old to attend the school loitering on campus. When the bell rings you witness a group of high school kids make their way over to the waiting trespassers. Transactions are made and then the crowd of students heads straight to the basketball court area.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Get out of your vehicle and confront the drug dealers yourself.
  - b. Locate the principal's office and then alert the school's staff of what you witnessed in the parking lot.
  - c. Immediately call law enforcement.
  - d. Mind your own business and just wait for your child.
  - e. None of the above.

2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# RAIN, SLEET, SNOW

## SCENARIO

Your morning routine never changes. The alarm clock rings at the same time, you drink the same flavored coffee, even driving the same route to work day-after-day. As you commute each morning, you see the same elderly woman walking down the same busy street. On one rainy morning you pull over and ask the elderly woman if she needs a ride. To your surprise, she declines your offer by saying, "Thank you dear, but for the past 10 years these old legs have gotten me back and forth to the store safely. It's my exercise!" Her vivacious spirit is one to admire. From that morning on, you honk your horn as you drive past. She waves excitedly at the sound of your horn and then continues walking. Rain, sleet, or snow, the elderly woman's routine never changes. Then, on Christmas Eve, you are taken by surprise when you don't see the elderly woman walking at her normal time. Unsettled, you take a detour in hopes of finding her. That's when you witness two masked perpetrators mugging the elderly woman along a side street.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Immediately exit your vehicle and rush to her defense.
  - b) Call law enforcement immediately.
  - c) Honk your horn relentlessly until you scare off the two assailants.
  - d) Mind your own business and continue driving to work.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.  
(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# THE PROMOTION

## SCENARIO

Selfless acts, such as swapping shifts to help co-workers experiencing emergencies or staying behind to assist teammates even after you've clocked out, has earned you the title of Employee of the Month. A framed picture of you standing next to the owners of the store hangs on the wall near the entrance so that everyone can see it. You take the good news home to celebrate your accomplishment with your spouse. Then two weeks later, you are summoned to the manager's office. Dreaming of a promotion, your smile grows the closer you get to the office. The extra money couldn't come at a better time considering you and your spouse are now expecting. But as it turns out you are let go because of a felony committed when you were a juvenile. Once home, your spouse breaks down in tears after hearing the bad news. "We'll just have to try another time," your spouse says referring to the baby. "No! We're having this child," you respond. Over the next few weeks, you submit over 50 job applications to no avail.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Keeps submitting applications for work.
  - b. Do whatever it takes to stay afloat, even resorting to crime.
  - c. Consent to the abortion.
  - d. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# THE HOLIDAY FEAST

## SCENARIO

It's Christmas Eve and you're giving your best friend a quick ride to the supermarket to get some additional food items for a holiday feast. Your cell phone rings. You answer the call on speakerphone. As your spouse informs you that one of your children opened a present under the Christmas tree, you notice your friend is frantically searching his pockets. You promise your wife you'll be home quickly and then hang up. To cheer up your visibly frustrated buddy, you turn up the Christmas carol playing on the radio. Pointing to the convenience store straight ahead, your friend says, "I need to grab some cigarettes really quick." You pull into the convenience store's parking lot and your friend hops out. Moments later you hear glass shatter, followed by the blare of an alarm system. Seconds later, your best friend comes bursting out of the store with a handful of money and leaps through the passenger side window yelling, "Go, go, go!"

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Follow your best friend's instructions and drive away as fast as you can.
  - b. Stay put and tell your best friend to get out of your vehicle immediately.
  - c. Abandon your vehicle as your friend leaps through the window, report the crime to law enforcement, and then search the convenience store for victims.
  - d. Try to convince your best friend to return the money and then turn themselves in to the authorities.
  - e. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.  
(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# ONLINE ENCOUNTERS

## SCENARIO

Bedridden from the flu, your little sister is in no condition to fulfill her Saturday night plans with her two best friends. At 9 PM the doorbell rings. To your surprise, your sister's two best friends both canceled their plans to spend some time with her. They brought over flowers, a get well soon card, and a stuffed animal. They spend some time talking and eating soup before tucking her in for bed. Realizing they've stayed longer than expected, they now need a ride up the street to meet up with another person who's waiting on them. You offer a ride. During the drive you hear the two young ladies expressing concerns about meeting up with a stranger they met online. One of the girls had a previous online encounter that didn't go as expected. In this case, a man offered to take both ladies out for dinner. You make a left turn at a stop sign and see a single vehicle parked outside of the entrance gate to an apartment complex. You pull up next to the vehicle and see a man who appears to be twice the girls' age. When you and the mysterious driver make eye contact, he immediately rolls up his window. The two girls, oblivious to the man's bizarre behavior and the potential danger of getting in this stranger's vehicle, give you a hug as they exit the car.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Make sure that both girls have your contact number in their cellphones before allowing them to get out of your car.
  - b) Get out of your car and go meet the mysterious man yourself before allowing the girls to get inside of his vehicle.
  - c) Vehemently warn the girls about your concerns and then offer to bring them back home.
  - d) Drive away before the girls have a chance to exit your vehicle and then tell them that you had a bad feeling.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# THE CAR RIDE

## SCENARIO

A local celebrity is hosting an event that all your friends plan to attend. Looking in the mirror, you finish adjusting your outfit before heading out the door. Your friends wait outside. “Are you ready to par-ty?!” yells one of the passengers as you open the car door and squeeze into the cramped back seat. The music blaring and everyone singing along—the night has officially begun. Then marijuana smoke fills the air. Since you’re on probation, you quickly roll down the window to avoid the second-hand smoke. Someone tries to pass you a joint, but you shake your head no. Next, a crinkled-up piece of paper is tossed into your lap. You unravel the wrapping to find a mound of methamphetamine. Immediately you try to pass it off to the person sitting next to you. Suddenly the car comes to a complete halt and the music abruptly stops. The driver turns around and says, “Don’t be a party-popper. Either party with us or get out of my car!”

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Stand your ground, get out of the car, and either find your own way to the event or go back home.
  - b. Succumb to the peer pressure in order to fit in and look cool.
  - c. Indulge willfully.
  - d. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.  
(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# SOCIAL MEDIA

## SCENARIO

You come across a page on your social media newsfeed that's getting a lot of attention. You begin reading and then quickly realize that the someone is being publicly humiliated because of an incurable disease. The language in some of the posts is so derogatory it causes you to cringe. To your dismay, the offensive comments are being liked and shared. Suggestions of suicide are being offered as a cure to the terminally ill condition. The victim's parents plead for respect and privacy. They inform readers that their child recently attempted to end his own life after reading some of the posts on this page. The response to the plea is more ridicule from the online bullies. You perform a brief investigation and discover that the page belongs to one of your co-workers.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Mind your own business and log off social media.
  - b. Reveal your co-worker's true identity online.
  - c. Confront your coworker at work.
  - d. Report your coworker to law enforcement.
  - e. Make a post asking all the online bullies to please stop publicly shaming the person and their parents.
  - f. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# JUVENILE DELINQUENTS

## SCENARIO

You pull into the parking lot of a convenience store on a late Friday evening and notice a small crowd of juveniles drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. You get out of the car and begin making your way toward the entrance when one of the kids yells, “Are you lost?” You ignore the heckler. When done shopping, you approach the cash register and purchase a case of formula for your newborn and a bottle of water. Upon exiting the store, you see that the teenagers are now positioned near your car. “Thanks for the water!” a young man says while reaching out to grab the bottle of water out of your hand.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Avoid confrontation by handing over the bottle of water.
  - b) Ignore the teenager’s gesture and leave.
  - c) Try to rationalize with the youth by offering words of advice.
  - d) Stand your ground even if it leads to a physical altercation.
  - e) None of the above
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

(The response to this question is required to be more than 100 words)

# THE FRAT PARTY

## SCENARIO

The star player of the football team raises his glass to celebrate the school's championship victory over a rival team. The frat house is full of partygoers who are heavily consuming drugs and alcohol. The music fuels wild dance moves as skinny dippers defile the swimming pool. One of the party animals greets you with a chest bump, then grabs one of the bottles of alcohol you brought along and chugs away. You set the rest of the bottles on the table and then go searching for the bathroom. When walking through the house, you hear some suspicious noises coming from behind one of the bedroom doors. You open the door and find four of your fraternity brothers caressing a barely conscious, topless woman. As one of your frat brothers unbuckles his belt, he says, "Bro, come in and close the door." You stand there motionless. The guy then stands up and makes his way to the door. He grabs the doorknob and says, "Either come in and wait your turn or get the hell out!"

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Accept the invite and participate in the sexual assault.
  - b. Reject the invite and leave the frat party without saying anything to anyone.
  - c. Intervene even if it leads to a physical altercation.
  - d. Scream for help from the unaware guests downstairs.
  - e. Walk out of the room and call the police immediately.
  - f. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# FLASHING LIGHTS

## SCENARIO

Red and blue lights flash in your rearview mirror. As you cross through the intersection, you glance at the speedometer and confirm that you are driving within the speed limit. You check your seatbelt only to be reassured that it is fastened properly. A recent smog test eliminates any potential violations. Confident that you and your vehicle are in compliance with all traffic regulations, you pull over. A patrol officer approaches the driver window and asks for your license, car registration and insurance. You provide all the documentation and then ask the officer why you are being pulled over. “Just performing a random traffic stop,” the officer replies and then heads back to the patrol car. Moments later the officer reappears with her weapon drawn and demands that you show your hands as you exit your vehicle. Baffled by the officer’s sudden change of demeanor, you carefully comply with the orders. Standing up straight with your fingers interlocked behind your head, the officer forcefully frisks you for weapons before securing you in handcuffs and then throwing you in the back of the patrol car. From the back seat of the police cruiser, you watch as the cop searches your car for contraband. Eventually, you are freed. The officer then writes you a ticket for speeding and tells you to hit the road.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Simply leave without conflict.
  - b) Get the officer’s name and badge number, then report their misconduct to their agency.
  - c) Take a photo of the officer with your cell phone and then post her picture online with a caption describing your encounter.
  - d) Scold the officer for their discriminatory behavior and then make a scene to bring attention to this wrongdoing.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# THE TRIO

## SCENARIO

In the same aisle you, your preteen, and your spouse are grocery shopping in, you all notice some commotion ahead of you. You observe a gay couple getting bullied by three teenagers. One of the teenagers yell out a homophobic slur and then shoves one of the gay shoppers down to the ground. All three of the teenagers laughing hysterically as the gay shopper's partner quickly kneels to aid his significant other. More derogatory comments are hurled at the gay couple by the trio. Your preteen tugs at the leg of your pants and asked, "Why are they being so mean to those people?" Your spouse sinks in shame. One of the other teenagers raised their fists and flinches at the couple. Both partners, immediately take cover. Trembling in fear, one of the victims cry out, "why are you doing this to us?" The teenager acts as if they're feeling remorse, as they lower their fists. Seconds later the same teenager snatches a bottle of ketchup from the shelf and douses both of the partners with the tomato puree. Your spouse has seen enough and tries to quell the attack by yelling, "Okay, that's enough!" Simultaneously, as the attack continues, your preteen begins to cry.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Intervene by standing in between the teenagers and the gay couple until the altercation is over and everyone goes their separate ways.
  - b. Go look for a store employee to report this incident.
  - c. Get on your cell phone and alert the authorities.
  - d. Tell your spouse and pre-teen that it's none of you guys business and carry on with your day.
  - e. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# THREE ICE CREAM CONES

## SCENARIO

A long day at the amusement park leaves you, your spouse, and your two children famished. As your family approaches an ice cream parlor, you notice a mentally challenged teenager in a wheelchair stranded outside. While ordering ice cream for your kids, the unattended teenager begins to make sounds that clearly let you know that they are in distress. Your youngest approaches the teenager and says, "It's okay, we won't leave you." Your other child asks the teenager, "Do you want an ice cream too?" With a smile, you gladly order everyone dessert. Your spouse proudly watches. At the very moment the young person begins to lift the ice cream cone up to his mouth for the first taste, an elderly person comes along and knocks the cone out of the teenager's hand and onto the ground. "What did I tell you about taking things from strangers?" the person scolds before smacking the teenager in the back of the head. Both of your children slam their ice cream cones on the ground and then storm away crying.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Mind your own business and walk away.
  - b) Smack the elderly person back and then scold them.
  - c) Ask the elderly person what is their relationship to the teenager and then respectfully express your concerns regarding the abusive behavior.
  - d) Immediately report the abuse to law enforcement.
  - e) None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# FOUL COMPETITION

## SCENARIO

It's the championship game and your basketball team is down by 2 points with less than a minute to go on the game clock. All the pressure is on your cousin, who is the star player of the team. The person defending him has been aggressive the entire game, but the officials have ignored blatant fouls. The point guard on your team gets the ball down the court and then passes it to your cousin, who shakes his opponent with a brilliant crossover and then sets up for the game-winning 3-point shot. He jumps in the air but before the ball is released for the jump shot, the defender gets away with a shove that knocks the ball loose. No foul is called. The ball is recovered by the opposing team as the buzzer finalizes the score. Full of rage, your cousin chases down the opponent and confronts him. Before you're able to make it over to the confrontation, there's a crowd surrounding both players chanting, "Fight! Fight! Fight!"

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Jump in between both players and quell the tension.
  - b. Assist your cousin in attacking the aggressive opponent.
  - c. Simply let them fight it out.
  - d. Pull your cousin away and then report the referees to the league.
  - e. Mind your own business and stay out of it.
  - f. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# OH' DEER

## SCENARIO

While enjoying a riverboat adventure with a few friends, you notice a deer tangled up in some debris along the riverbank. The deer looks as though it's given up trying to break free. Your friends laugh at the suffering animal as it stands there hopeless. One friend takes a swig from a bottle of alcohol and says, "If the hunter's barrel doesn't get'em, then Mother Nature will!" But that logic doesn't apply to the circumstances because it was human garbage that interfered with the circle of life. You notice three young fawns stranded above the riverbank looking for their mother. You tell the oarsman to steer the boat towards the riverbank so that you can free the deer. The oarsman looks at the rest of the passenger and says, "We're not going anywhere near that wild animal." All your friends nod their heads in agreement. Simultaneously, one of the fawn slips down the slope and tumbles into the river.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a. Redirect your attention and continue your adventure down the stream.
  - b. Force the oarsmen to steer the riverboat towards the riverbank.
  - c. Dive into the river and swim over to aid the family of deer.
  - d. Grab your cell phone and report what you saw to the fish and game department.
  - e. None of the above.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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# THE SOLUTION

## SCENARIO

Being raised in a gang-infested neighborhood exposes you and your family to a lot of crime. Despite all the criminal activities that plague your environment, growing up in a two-parent household provided the balance necessary for you and your sibling to lead a different lifestyle than your peers. You take a vow to be part of the solution — and not part of the problem. Being co-founders of an anti-gang non-profit organization, you and your sibling are well respected by the community. Even the active gang members respect your neutrality and volunteer their services in your youth prevention rallies. One evening, after a successful rally, you and your sibling walk home. Halfway home your sibling notices an unidentified vehicle slowly driving behind you. Seconds later the car speeds up and comes to a screeching halt on the side. An unfamiliar face hangs out of the passenger window with a handgun and opens fire. You and your sibling immediately drop to the ground to escape the gunfire and remained down until the vehicle screeches off. After rising, you notice that your sibling has been shot. Your sibling dies in your arms as the ambulance arrives to the scene.

## QUESTIONS

1. How would you react to this scenario?
  - a) Cooperate with law enforcement to bring your sibling's murderer to justice.
  - b) Instead of cooperating with law enforcement, take matters into your own hands by arming yourself and looking for that unfamiliar face that's responsible for the death of your sibling.
  - c) Reach out to the local gang members that you grew up with for assistance in avenging your sibling's murder.
  - d) None of the above question.
  
2. Please elaborate in detail why you chose the method of action selected in question number one.

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