**Free Rider Scenarios**

1) PBS provides quality educational programming, including Sesame Street, which has taught millions of children. It is funded solely by contributors. Why would I contribute to the station? Should the government intervene if PBS doesn’t receive adequate funding?

2) Wikipedia is one of the most traversed Internet sites. It is funded by users, even though only a small percentage gives money. Why would I contribute to Wikipedia? What happens if the site fails and is shut down? Should the government intervene if Wikipedia doesn’t receive adequate funding?

3) You have been assigned a major group project by a teacher, who informs you the group will all receive the same grade. You take a quick look at the group:

A) Two people have 4.0 averages and full-ride college scholarships.

B) Two people are mediocre students and keep a 2.0 average.

C) Two people are just waiting to drop out and have no regard for school.

Predict the outcome of this scenario. What could be done to make this scenario fair?

4) The air is shared by all people on earth. The burning of fossil fuels pollutes the air. Green energy does not. What policies should be enacted to ensure the world contributes to clean air? What should be done to countries that disproportionally pollute the earth? Why should a country adopt clean energy policies if other countries don’t?

5) You go to a museum. It is a positive experience and you enjoyed your trip. The museum is funded by donations and there is a clear box at the exit asking for money. Do you put money into the box? Why should you? Why shouldn’t you?

6) Why should you pick up your trash in school? We have custodians that are paid to clean up the school? Do you feel one should clean up after themselves considering this truism? Juxtapose Japanese schools, where there are no custodians. Predict whether American or Japanese schools are cleaner. What do you base your rationale upon?

7) Imagine you are unemployed. The state you live in provides welfare to those out of work. This welfare package is equivalent to working a minimum wage job 40 hours a week. Would you pursue a job, or just live off the welfare package? What policies should be enacted to encourage people to work, if any?