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Review Question #2

1. In the article, "Public Health Experts Say the Pandemic Is Exactly Why Protests Must Continue," which appeared in *Slate* on June 2, 2020, (link in folder), what connection do the public health experts who signed the open letter make between the pandemic and the need for mass protests against systemic racism?

Systemic prejudice and a global pandemic are both very separate topics. Yet it represents the significant interaction between them that health professionals are attempting to raise awareness. protesting can present a high danger for the spreading of various viral diseases and the epidemic, but demonstrations against racism in society, the financial strain on black communities and the occurrence of police brutality must be discussed. Discrimination endangers the safety of society. Racism can influence if an illness gets tested for, if there's a treatment or vaccination that could prevent it, and if medical providers believe or listen to patients. This relationship connecting discrimination and sickness is what compelled medical personnel to contribute to the letter. While the document specifies potential measures to limit the danger of sharing or getting the illness during the demonstrations, it includes the possibility of what might be lowered by authorities, confronting the core cause of racism in society is more important than remaining safe at home.

2. In the Carr Center Discussion Series report, "[Reimagining Social Movements and Civil Resistance in the Global Pandemic](#)" from April 17, 2020, (link in folder) what are some of the negative effects on social movements around the world that the three scholars believe will occur because of the pandemic, and give one example of a specific movement mentioned that might be affected negatively. You may also find an example in the May 13, 2020, *Nation* article, "What's Next for Asia's Social Movements?" that is also linked to in the folder.

A few of the adverse effects for movements of people include challenges to freedom of speech, limits on online along with various communication platforms, alongside disparities in wealth, which exposes individuals to the illness. One place that may be badly impacted is the household, where there can be a greater instance of domestic abuse. Places like France created kiosks for those who experience domestic violence at home providing them with resources.

3. Read "Q-Anon is a Nazi Cult, Rebranded" and "Now the World Gets to See the Difference." Global crises often launch social movements -- some of them which seek social justice, and others which seek authoritarian control or that thrive on misinformation. How can social movement forces which rely on facts and evidence combat those that are born of conspiracy theories and misinformation? Why do you think misinformation, propaganda and lies succeeded in the crises of the 1930s which

brought the world Mussolini and Hitler, and how can social movements for social justice triumph today?

Social movements rely on the facts to avoid spreading false information or “fake news”. Social movements tend to research the issues before protesting or other forms of support to understand the facts. Conspiracy theorists only think off allegations, conspiracy theorists are skilled at detecting important trends and connecting them to the events surrounding them; nonetheless, times when their evaluations are incorrect. This is particularly so because circumstances are over their capability.