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This assignment was used in Social Psychology/SSY250, which is taken by Psychology majors, and advanced students. The learning objective in this course is to familiarize students with Social Psychology, which includes claims such as the Social Construction of Reality, the Power of the Situation, Blind Spots, and the Potential for Positive Impact. It includes major topics and concepts such as the self-serving bias, cognitive dissonance, groupthink, stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination, which all have potential application to the assignment.

The Core Competency of Inquiry and Problem solving are addressed as the assignment presents numerous questions and relevance to current context. The Communication Ability of Written is addressed as the assignment is to be completed in written form, and revised as needed.

This assignment should take 2 weeks and is worth 10% of their final grade. The parts assignment was developed with my colleague Robin Kietlinski for the “Meanings of War” seminar for the semester that focused on nuclear technologies. A similar format was used that we asked seminar participants to provide their base knowledge before engaging with the material, than assigning a video or a reading that was to be discussed during the seminar.

Assignment Prompt:

Part I: Base Line: posting

1. What narratives are you familiar with regarding the use of the Atomic Bomb?
2. How do you feel about the use of the Atomic Bomb?
3. How do you feel about nuclear proliferation in the current context?

Post on Blackboard in Discussion Forum: A-Bomb

Part II: Watch video and complete writing assignment:

Peter Jennings - Hiroshima: Why the Bomb was Dropped (1995) (70min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-WnLNLe3sk&t=3s>

Answer the following questions:

- What narrative(s) are shown in the documentary?
- How may this documentary relevant to social psychology? (Claims in Social Psych, Concepts)
- How may this documentary be relevant in current contexts?
- How has the documentary impacted your views?

(Revisit your earlier responses:

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3. How do you feel about nuclear proliferation in the current context?)