

Handout 4-3

Values and Goals of “We Do What We’re Told Ville”

VALUES: You have accepted a government, which is run by a very strict and strong central leadership group. You are highly organized, and the leader assigns the people of your group specific tasks. Your country strives for efficient use of time and resources, which will increase economic growth and hopefully raise the standard of living. It is up to the central leaders to determine what is needed and how the resources will be used.

GOALS: To produce what the central leadership finds necessary for your society. Also, there must be an efficient use of time and resources, so increased production and growth will occur.

SITUATION: With your limited resources of string, beads, ruler, and scissors, you can create rings, necklaces, or bracelets. Your group gets \$10 (dollars) for a necklace, \$5 (dollars) for each bracelet and \$2 (dollars) for each ring. **Your country needs 5 bracelets immediately, and then the central planners want necklaces to be produced by your group.**

PRODUCTION PROCESS: The central planners emphasize specialization. The person sitting closest to the front of the room will be the string cutter, then going clockwise around the group, the next person will be the bead sorter, then the bead stringer, knot tier, and knot trimmer.

A bracelet must be made from a 10-inch piece of string with 8 beads on it, in this sequence: 2 red, 2 yellow, 2 blue, and 2 green. A necklace is made with a 18-inch piece of string and 10 beads in this sequence: 3 yellow, 3 blue, 2 green, and 2 red. After the loops are on the string it should be tied in a knot and the knot should be neatly trimmed.

The finished product is then handed to the quality control person who marks down the dollar amount. **Your group will receive \$10 (dollars) per person if the required quota is filled.** After that, the dollars earned by your production will go to the central planners and will not be added to your total dollar amount.

Handout 4-4

Values and Goals of “We Make As Much As We Want Ville”

VALUES: Your country and economic system reflects values, which centers on rugged individualism. It is up to each person to make herself/himself more prosperous than other people. Your country produces whatever brings the highest price and produces it with the method that costs the least. Individual rewards and material incentives are used to encourage and stimulate continuous economic growth and production.

GOALS: To produce whatever your group decides will be most beneficial for it. You will also want to organize yourselves so you can make the most efficient use of time and resources. Maximized profit is the key.

SITUATION: With your limited resources of string, beads, ruler, and scissors, you can create rings, necklaces, or bracelets. Your group gets \$10 (dollars) for a necklace, \$5 (dollars) for each bracelet, and \$2 (dollars) for each ring. **Your group produces whatever it wants.**

PRODUCTION PROCESS: It is up to you to organize your group and choose jobs in whatever fashion you want. You should probably want to have a string cutter, bead sorter, bead stringer, and knot tier.

A ring must be made from a 5-inch piece of string with 4 beads. A bracelet must be made from a 12-inch piece of string with 8 beads on it. A necklace is made with a 18-inch piece of string and 10 beads. After the beads are on the string, it should be tied. You may trim the knot neatly if you want.

After the tying is done, the finished product must be handed to the quality control person. Your group will be paid in full for as many of the items as you can produce within the time limit.

Handout 4-5

Values and Goals of “That’s The Way We’ve Always Done It Ville”

VALUES: Your group is really concerned with the way things were done in the past. Positions of authority, jobs, etc., are handed down according to tradition. You value the past and see no need for concern about increased economic growth in the future. Basically everything in your society is determined by beliefs and customs.

GOALS: To produce what your ancestors did and in the same way that they did. Following tradition is your basic underlying goal.

SITUATION: With your limited resources of string, beads, ruler, and scissors, you can create rings, necklaces, or bracelets. Your group gets \$10 (dollars) for a necklace, \$5 (dollars) for each bracelet, and \$2 (dollars) for each ring. **Your country has always produced bracelets so everyone must produce bracelets.**

PRODUCTION PROCESS: Each person must make the entire bracelet, no specialization of tasks. The person designated by the teacher will use the string, ruler, and scissors first and then pass it clockwise around the table.

A bracelet must be made from a 10-inch piece of string with 8 beads on it in this order: 3 red, 2 yellow, and 3 green. After the beads are on the string, it should be tied in a knot to finish the bracelet. The knot should be neatly trimmed off, as done by past generations.

After each bracelet is finished it must be passed around the group clockwise, and each member must tell the maker how beautiful it is (this is an old tradition of the country). The maker then hands the bracelet to the quality control person who records the \$5 (dollars) if all procedures are followed correctly.

According to tradition, each person can only make 1 bracelet every 15 minutes before starting the next one. So after you complete your first bracelet, relax for 15 minutes before starting the next one.

Handout 4-6***Score Sheet***

Team Name	Market	Command	Traditional
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

Necklaces = \$10***Bracelets = \$5******Rings = \$2***

Name: _____

Date: _____ Period: _____

Addendum 4-7

Debriefing/Bead Game Simulation

Read each statement to the left and place a check under the corresponding type of economic system. The first one was done for you. Also, answer the question at the bottom of the page.

	Traditional	Command	Market
The government told us what to make		✓	
Individuals chose their jobs			
Customs dictated jobs			
Produced for the highest bidder			
Produced by the least costly method			
Government decides what is needed			
Most stressful			
Competition was stressed			
Motivated through social gain			
Least stressful			
Culture directed jobs			
Produced for those that were declared in need			

Which system is best? Explain your answer.