Reflections

Reflection #1

One situation where knowing your own values is important was when I was working on a group project. We were having issues deciding on what topic to do and I wanted it to be something that was relevant to the class but also of some importance to others. My group members wanted to do something easy so we could get an A but I knew that was not what I wanted to do. My principles are to work hard and always make something that I am proud of. Therefore, I was able to find my own voice and present a harder but better topic to my group. It ended up paying off and our teacher said our topic was one of the best in the class.

           The second main idea is clarifying your personal values, but then putting them forth in the direction of the group. An example of this is would be last year when we my team was struggling with the coaching staff. The NCAA creates the limit of hours; however, it is Compliance that is supposed to monitor the hours. Our coaches were going over time and treating the team very poorly. When we tried to contact compliance they said they would handle it but we never saw any changes. The reason this is an example is because Compliance never communicated with us the direction that they were heading with the softball program. If they had made us aware of the changes that were in effect, we as a softball team would not have been so frustrated when we continued to see nothing different.

            The third main point is a leader that does what he or she preaches. In other words, the saying of “do as I say not as I do” would be a very incorrect way to lead. This is the primary idea of model your way because the leader is leading by example. People do not want to follow those that are not genuine. An example of this is how my coaches last year led our team. The coaches always stressed values like being on time, working hard, and taking accountability for mistakes. The issues with this, is that our team lost so much respect for them because it was clear they did not hold themselves to these standards. Our head coach rarely showed up to practice on time which made us feel like she really did not care at all. Everything was always behind schedule because nothing was efficient. The program was doomed to fail from the start and it was because there was no true leadership.

Reflexion #2

Overall my group has worked together really well towards our final project. For example, we decided we wanted our video to be somewhat funny so that it is not boring and unengaging. Our audience is the class, and if we are going to reach people our age then it cannot be all educational or they will not care to watch the whole movie. Also, another cool idea we came up with was to try to use areas that university of Maryland college students hang out at. Therefore, we want to use the mall to film as one of our scenes.

 We have been having some issues meeting and working on our project. Everyone has different schedules so in some ways we have been procrastinating actually started to film the movie. We all work well when we need to so I have no doubt we will be able to pull through this week and knock out this project.

            Our group found itself with a lot of the same strengths and weaknesses. For example we all are competitive, strategic, and achievers. The act that we are competitive will help our group because we will want to have the best video. The fact that we are all achievers will help because we have the want to do well. The strategic aspect is what will help us achieve the goals we want to accomplish. Our group however was lacking in all of the relationship sections of the test. This will prove problematic for all of the obvious reasons. Instead of trying to build relationships with each other we may get too focused on doing well on the project and get frustrated with people if they do not hold up their part of the project. Some ways that we can improve in our group dynamic would be setting specific timeline goals and sticking to them. We could also divide up the work specifically to benefit those that cannot meet when we film the video. Those that cannot meet can be more involved in the planning and editing the video. We could also just work more on putting our plans to action.