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Classmate # 1

The author presented his idea exemplifying the movie that was based on a scenario where individuals where allowed to commit crime once during a year. This example is quite well- suited with her idea that laws are very important to maintain order in the society and we need them in major contexts and that if rules and regulations are not present, we are not going to regress to the state of nature. This is because if we are allowed to commit crime even for a single day, many of us will not do so and many of us will be doing it without waiting for that specific “day.” In other words, regression towards state of nature is only partially true because we must take individual differences into account before generalizing any opinion or thought. This is how things work in the real society; and I somewhat disagreed author’s point of view because it had tottering practical implications.

Classmate # 2

The author suggested that taking away rules and regulations will simply lead us towards the state of nature where we would be treating each other violently and savagely whenever there is lopsided distribution of resources in the society. For example, the ones who have enough money can buy medicines according to the pre-established laws but if this law was absent, people would be killing each other for the sake of attaining best treatment. Hence, the author strongly agreed with the thesis statement proposing that taking away rules and regulations will push us towards the state of nature where we would be reacting comparable to the animals. I personally liked his view point because it is much closer to the reality and makes a great sense particularly with respect to the current societal mindsets.