
GE 1204 Individual Assignment

<https://www.desenredando.org/covid19/Social-construction-of-the-COVID19-pandemic-disaster-risk-accumulation-public-policy-RNI-LA-RED-22-04-2020.pdf>

Read the article above and answer the following questions.

Requirements:

1. Explain 1) the concept of the social construction of risk to the COVID-19 pandemic in the article and 2) how the COVID-19 pandemic is different from other risks (**Hint:** Think about the definition of risk we learned in class). (20 points)

2. In the article, authors suggest that the risk associated with the COVID-19 may generate unintended consequences (other risks). 1) Summarize other risks that can be generated or amplified by the COVID-19 in the article and 2) give your own example of risk that can be generated or amplified by the COVID-19. Your own example should be different from examples mentioned in the article. (30 points)

3. In the article, authors raised several hypotheses about how exposure mediates (or moderates) the level of the COVID-19 risk. 1) Briefly summarize authors hypotheses. 2) Build your own hypothesis about how exposure mediates the level of the COVID-19 risk. You do not have to build a formal hypothesis. Providing an alternative explanation with an example would suffice. (30 points)

4. In the article, authors explain three types of risk management strategies against the COVID-19. Based on the article and the class discussion, explain which of the five risk management strategies is related to ‘sourcing doctors and nurses from other countries (Cuba in the article)’ (**Hint:** More than one strategy could be related). (20 points)

- The individual reports must be submitted via Canvas by uploading the file in the *Assignments* folder before the deadline, November 18th. Total number of points assigned is 100. For late submissions students would lose 5 points per day.
- Maximum length: 6 pages plus a cover page (marks will be deducted for exceeding page limit). The page margin should be “standard”, font size Times New Roman 12, and single spacing. The cover page and reference page are not counted towards the 6-page limit.

- File Naming Convention for the individual reports- “Section-SID- Name (English Name).pdf”
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