Integrity, Social Influence, and Group-Think Reflection

You have been assigned a reflection paper, to be written 2-3 pages in length, on integrity, social influence, and group-think. Please note that the purpose of this assignment is not to provide you with a venue to justify your actions or to evaluate the actions of others.

Watch the following video (<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGxGDdQnC1Y</u>).

The reflection should be composed in an appropriate manner as any essay/paper in a college classroom setting and address the following:

- The video discusses many social psychology terms including: social influence, conformity, automatic mimicry, normative social influence, social facilitation, social loafing, de-individualization, group polarization, and group think. Define two of these terms in your own words and describe how they are connected to the incident that you were involved in.
- Throughout the course of the conduct process, your hearing officer received different accounts of what took place, including who may or may not have been responsible. Please reflect on the social impact of defending your friends versus telling the whole truth, regardless of impact on yourself and others, and how that may have affected your choices made during the hearing process.
- 3. In your decision letter, you were referred to reflect on a specific policy or policies. What do you feel is the purpose of this policy/policies? What about group dynamics in college makes adhering to this policy/policies difficult?
- 4. Now that you have had time to reflect on this incident, if you were to be in a similar situation in the future, what are three (3) things you could do differently and how can you assert your individual needs in a group setting? Please remember to set goals which are realistic for you to uphold (i.e. if you believe "never drinking again" is not realistic for you, then do not put this as a goal for yourself).

Please submit your reflection to your hearing administrator and conduct@tcnj.edu. Insufficient reflection or incomplete responses may result in rewriting and resubmission of your reflection paper.