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Langdon Winner Artifacts/Ideas and Political Culture DISCUSSION QUESTION

IDENTIFICATION OF CONTEXT - Item: No Innovation Without Representation -

Langdon Winner's discussion of this topic was to reveal an idea that is quite prevalent, but kept in the dark. He presents the blatant truth that many times technological changes in society are made without input from the persons that will be affected by those changes. The purpose of this discussion was simply to enlighten the reader, and then to redirect the reader's thinking as it relates to how we implement change. - This information is listed in the passage of Winner's three guiding maxims. Winner states " This suggest that all groups and social interest likely to be affected by a particular kind of technological change ought to be represented at the very early stage" this is a major assertion. This is to say that people have been left out of the planning stages of innovation. Winner also gives the idea that we should " change our institutions". What he projects is that we should change our institutionalized processes rather than continuing in a downward spiral of creating patterns of techno-feudalism. - The most important claim is simply put, relevant parties to technological change have been previously kept in the dark as major changes that will affect them are being made. As well these changes will be imposed on them rather than developed with them. EVALUATION: - Winner's discussion of this particular item is quite clear the assertions made are true. However to be clearer he could have added in this passage as well regarding Artifact/Ideas. This is to say that technology is being developed independently of the persons affected because of the greed that capitalism interjects into our society. The ill will, and narrow mindedness of the developers is being imposed upon society for their personal gain. - The

Authors discussion does achieve the goals that I believe were intended. The most effective tool he uses to achieve the intended goal is truth. He states an idea that the powers that be do not want discussed. He simply tells the truth about how technology is being developed, and imposed upon society. -

REFLECTIVE CONCLUSIONS: - Winner's assertions are a definite call to action.

It does lead to the conclusion that society, citizens, employees, everyone, should take part in how technology that affects them is developed, and implemented. His call to action is to not engage in patterns of techno-feudalism, and embrace a wiser approach to developing our society. - The connection to Jagdish Ghagwati's , philosophy is that the original idea that inspired technological innovation has changed. It is not so much about helping society to advance, as much as it is about controlling society. The greed of capitalism, and thrust for power is now the driving force behind the development of technology today. - Yes working in corporate America I am victim of the controls of developing technology. I as well have to evaluate, and reprimand employees according to technological standards rather than more humane realistic standards. This is not my personal preference, however as a victim these are the guidelines that have been imposed upon me by corporate.