

## NATION X REFLECTION

Nation X was a fun and engaging activity. However, it also sparked many thought provoking questions. Why was it difficult to initiate a fair system? Even though it was only “pretend” and no one actually had “Kienbock’s Disease”, why did it take so long to establish fair communication between groups? It makes me wonder, how did this process occur in our past? If we were given one more day, I believe we would have been able to create a fair, functional, and peaceful society.

First off, we must ask the question; “What is necessary to create such a society?” A functional society can be defined in many ways. In my opinion, this community must have equitable opportunities, freedom of speech, and the ability for everyone to initiate change. For example, a fair voting system, which includes the community as a whole, would be a good first step towards a proper society.

In Nation X, we were successful in initiating an equal voting system. On Day 4, we were able to form a fair council that included the voices of each section. Leaders from each group were elected to become a representative for their section, and invited to join the council. Every section was given freedom of speech, and this council enabled everyone to have an opportunity to create change in this society. As a member of group C, I was chosen as one of these representatives. I believe, if we were given more time, we would have been able to establish a somewhat fair society.

However, it took a long time to even get to this milestone. At first, we were divided into different sections and given inequitable privilege. The first two days were spent adapting to our new regulations. For example, my section (group C) was responsible for arrests and tax collection. Despite this, the regulations for my group’s activities were unfair, and discriminate against other groups. As stated in the section’s rules, “Honestly, you can arrest anyone from groups A or B at any time for any reason.” As a result, chaos ensued, and the jail was filled with innocents. It wasn’t until riots persisted and a deadly disease hit, that fair, civil communication between sections would occur.

Although it was a long process, I believe we were mostly successful in establishing our society. The hardest parts of this activity were convincing everyone to get past the privileges of the hierarchy, learning to put power aside, and listening to the voices of other groups. Reflecting back on this experience, I’ve learned many things about the difficulties of uniting people (especially from different walks of life.) I think the most important lesson to remember is that a community’s perspective differs based on their experiences/worldview, and their experiences may contradict my own.