

Assignment Three on Activism

Please write 250-500 words (total) on one of the following options (below). **Assignments are due by 11:59pm, Wednesday April 19.** Please upload your answers to Stellar.

On April 18, there will be a Day of Engagement/Day of Action at MIT. <http://dayofaction.mit.edu>

The website calls for a “renewed civic engagement among the scholars, students, and staff of our community [and]...open-minded dialogue with peers and colleagues of diverse backgrounds and views.” In this day’s events...we act to fulfill MIT’s mission “to bring knowledge to bear on the world’s great challenges.”

You have three choices for your assignment:

Option 1: Attend one or more of the events at the Day of Engagement/Day of Action and write a reflection on what you learned, or an evaluation of the presentation, workshop, or film. The schedule is here: <https://www.dayofaction.mit.edu/events> (I believe more detail will be provided soon.)

Option 2: If you are going to be participating in MIT’s Day of Service on April 18, write a reflection on your experience considering what you learned, what you contributed (or didn’t), or your sense of the value of the organization you worked for.

Option 3: Please read Brian Martin, [“Activism, Social and Political.”](#) (on Stellar) and reflect on the question: do we all have a moral responsibility to be engaged in activism in the current social context, (and if not *all*, then who)? You may consider activism on any topic, e.g., food security, animal welfare, LGBTQ rights, feminism, antiracism, smaller government, pro-life, pro-choice, prayer in public schools, or any other topic that matters to you.