Hi everyone,

Our conversation from last Friday started with some enlightenment about political systems in countries other than the one we are in, very timely. We then learned that the homework of recreating something that we are resisting can be disruptive or exhilarating, depending on your point of view. We tried to figure out if the resisting becomes a decision "against" something. The corollary to that is that choosing might be moving "toward" something. We need to work with this a bit more next week. However, in the meantime we also learned that listening intently to other people in a dialogue may make you look very concerned or upset and they may ask if you are ok. Don't change anything, just make a note of that.

The subject of service came up, and we are wondering if service could be preformal. Service has a goal, but not necessarily a form. It might qualify as preformal, whereas the word agenda implies a goal with a preset form, so that wouldn't be preformal. Goals and agendas then made us wander into the murkiness of whether you control your own destiny or not. No, we didn't have any definitive resolution about free will but it did at least bring us back to the start of our conversation. And by the end of class we were clear on at least one thing. Choice is really not a choice. You can't choose anything but what is. Otherwise, it is a decision.

Our homework is again, to choose. See you Friday, Dianne