ASSIGNMENT: Violate a social norm and observe the reactions of others around you, as well as your own reactions, and notice the difficulty that you might have had in behaving against a social norm.

- It is very important that you do NOT engage in criminal activities or anything that could potentially harm yourself or others! Also do NOT engage in any activity that will upset a teacher, staff member, or principal.

Answer the questions on the back about your experience. Please be as thorough as possible. Although I will not assign a social norm violation, some possible violations are suggested below.

SOME POSSIBLE NORM VIOLATIONS:
1. Get on an elevator and face the back rather than the front or make eye contact with others on the elevator.
2. Go into a restaurant, sit down, examine the menu, and then leave without ordering anything.
3. Wear a pair of shorts and a tank top on a cold day. (Coming out of an athletic facility does not count. Please only do this for a brief period if it is very cold outside.)
4. Sing to yourself as you walk through a public place.
5. Have a conversation with an imaginary person while you are riding a public bus or train.
6. Walk somewhere backward—along a busy street or through a mall, for instance.
7. Get on a bus that has only one passenger and sit next to that person.
8. Sustain eye contact with someone’s foot during an entire conversation.
9. Stand very close to someone while waiting for a bus.
10. Engage in conversation with a stranger while using the urinal next to him or through stalls.

Other possibilities??
SOCIAL NORM VIOLATION QUESTIONS – 50 Points
Please TYPE your responses to the following prompts

1. Describe the behavior you engaged in and explain why you picked that particular social norm to violate. (10 points)

2. Do you typically follow this norm due to normative social influence or informational social influence? Explain your answer. (10 points)
   ○ This is the most commonly missed question. Make sure to read through your notes to double check what each term means, then figure out which one is the reason why you usually don’t violate your social norm.

3. Describe how other people reacted to your behavior. (7 points)

4. Describe how you felt violating the norm. (e.g., Was it difficult? Fun?) (7 points)

5. What did you learn from this assignment? (7 points)
6. You need to include evidence that you violated the norm. This can be a signed statement from a friend who witnessed you, video or picture proof, etc. (9 points)