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**EXTRA CREDIT 5 – SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
**Due by November 24, 2020 (Tuesday) at 12pm**  
**Maximum of possible points: 3**

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**Submission**

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this assignment is to highlight the fact that we should discuss population issues using scientific data to support our analysis and not rely on preconceptions and perceptions we might have about a specific demographic subject.

**Task**

Based on the course material, what are the major effects of immigration of low skilled workers on the U.S. labor market? Explain whether previous public policies intended to deal with undocumented immigrants were based on scientific studies or general perceptions about immigration. How these policies affected migration patterns and composition of the population by race/ethnicity and nativity? Do differentials between immigrants and U.S.-born population in terms of educational attainment, labor market skills, health outcomes, crime rates, as well as other socioeconomic and demographic outcomes justify negative perception about immigrants? Why?

Explain how intergenerational income mobility vary by race/ethnicity in the United States. How inequality of opportunity has been shaping income inequality in the country? How is this process related to residential segregation, interracial marriage rates, multiracial identification, and other socioeconomic and demographic characteristics of the population?

Governments influence demographic change through population policies, which are a major social responsibility of elected officials. Based on the material discussed throughout the semester, how should policies deal with the continuing levels of immigration to the country? How policies should deal with the issue of inequality of opportunity in the country? How do you think different policies and approaches by the government might affect the U.S. population in future decades and centuries?

**Format**

The document in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx) should be on US Letter paper size, one-inch margins, Arial font, size 11, 1.5 line spacing, and a **maximum of 500 words**.