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**English 12**: Global Leadership

*Anthem*

**Directions**: Read the interview question and Rand’s subsequent answer. Then read the question that follows very, very carefully. Using DIRECT REFERENCES from the text, answer the question completely. You will need at least three direct references for each question.

**Interview Question**: How were the people in the Unmentionable Times destroyed?

**Rand’s Answer**: *They were destroyed by the kind of philosophy they accepted. They rejected reason, egoism, individualism, and freedom – and they accepted mysticism, altruism, collectivism, and dictatorship. The society presented in* Anthem *is the ultimate logical consequence and perfect embodiment of that vicious philosophy. Observe that the slogans of that philosophy are preached all around us today. If you don’t like the kind of society you saw in* Anthem, *it is that philosophy you have to reject and oppose.*

**Your Question**: Rand contends that altruism and collectivism are a “vicious philosophy.” Further, she says that “slogans” of these ideas are “preached all around us today.” Where do we see those ideas on a daily basis? Cite three successful examples of these philosophies and three “vicious” examples of these philosophies. Explain the success these slogans have on the American psyche.