Essential Question: Why are there legal, ethical and social ramifications for government bailouts of American businesses?

Instructions:

Write an 8 – 10 page argumentative paper defending or refuting the American International Group’s decision to pay out bonuses after the company was saved from bankruptcy by an infusion of taxpayer money in the form of a government bailout.

Your paper will be graded using the Hodges University Professional Writing/QEP Rubric. Please follow the instructions below:

Focus: The main purpose of your paper is to specifically relate the AIG controversy to the 2008 bailout and clearly defend or refute AIG’s decision to pay out bonuses. Be sure to address the legal, ethical, and social ramifications of AIG’s decision and to support your claims with credible sources and asserted facts.

Development: Each claim should be clearly addressed and developed. Source material should be used to support your position rather than make the argument for you.

Organization: Your ideas should be grouped into a basic writing pattern of organization which is easily identifiable: Introduction, Claims, Rebuttal, and Conclusion. The sequence of ideas must be directly and logically connected to the writer’s argument.

References: 5 – 10 relevant and timely sources should be used to support your claims. They should be smoothly integrated with your argument, cited throughout your paper and in references (APA Formatting required).

Style: Your tone should be professional, formal, analytical and persuasive in nature. Avoid emotive language. Make your argument without poisoning the well.

Editing: Submit a copy of your Rough Draft on Week ?? of the term for peer review and instructor feedback. Review your paper for spelling, grammar, punctuation, word choice and confirm that the format is consistent with APA.