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Question 2

I think the wealthy and famous people partake in the same substance abuse treatment as disadvantaged populations. This is because the approaches to treatment that counselors are equipped with for the management of substance abuse are not discriminatory and it does not matter the financial abilities of a person. The treatment interventions are the same for all populations. However, there are slight differences in terms of the medication that they use because of the costs of medication and the level of care (Close, 2020). For example, a wealthy person can get treatment in a rehabilitation center that is expensive with the most expensive medication and can easily meet the medication requirements and the length of treatment. Disadvantaged populations often use cheaper medication interventions, and some never afford to go to rehabilitation centers for long-term treatment. The treatments are equally effective when used for both the wealthy and the disadvantaged populations because they have been regulated and approved by the drug legislation. The only difference is in the length of time it takes for one to fully recover because, for those who cannot afford all the medication, it may take longer for them to recover compared to the wealthy who can access all the treatment interventions within the required time.

Society tends to think that when a wealthy person goes to treatment, they get a different medication and treatment that assures their recovery compared to a disadvantaged individual. What society does not realize is the fact that the odds are the same for both of them because the approaches for treatment are the same. I think substance abuse treatment is viewed as the appropriate use of resources by some people while others do not. Those who see it as appropriate understand that it is not a choice that someone makes and could arise from other underlying social and mental issues. Those who think it is not an appropriate use of resources assume that substance abuse is a choice and someone can choose to stop it without any form of treatment.

**Reference**

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