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Sociology News and Research Assignments

1. The purpose of this on-going assignment is to expose you to current trends, issues and research in sociology. It is also an opportunity for class discussion on sociological topics that are in the news.
2. Two times per quarter you will be required to read, review and react to sociological issues and research. You will then share your article with the class. Fridays are designated "News Days". Each Friday a small group of students in the class will be responsible for reading and reporting on sociology news.
3. This is not an assignment that each student must turn in every Friday. You will be placed in a News Assignment Group. You will receive a calendar for the entire year listing all groups and due dates for the assignments for your group. It is your responsibility to know when it is your week. Assignments are due on Fridays. This is not, however, a group activity. You must read and critique your own articles.
4. When it is your week, your job is to find a current article or research on a sociological topic. After reading the article, complete the "Sociology News and Research" form provided in class. If you prefer to type your assignment, please turn in a product following the same format as the News form. Please submit a copy of the article as well.
5. All articles must be of substantial length. Therefore, no news blurbs are acceptable.
6. Where can you find articles? Sociological topics are not necessarily seen in newspapers each day, so it is important for you to plan ahead. Daily newspapers certainly are one place to start. You may also use publications such as *Time* or *Newsweek*. There are excellent resources on our library page including InfroTrac General Reference Center, WilsonSelect and Opposing Viewpoints. These will be demonstrated in class. You may also use other web resources that focus on Sociology.
7. Articles must be current. The more current the better. Please try not to go farther back than 6 months. Sometimes there are exceptions to this rule. Please clear an older article with me before choosing it.

8. We do not want duplicate articles from week to week. Part of your responsibility each week is to be an active listener and participant so that you do not duplicate an article that someone has already presented.
9. One of the reasons for this assignment is to spark debate and discussion so pick topics that you believe will be of interest to the class and can be the basis of discussion.
10. In order to receive full credit on each part of the assignment, you must demonstrate that you have read the article by providing a clear and complete summary. In responding to the questions about society's interest and your reaction, a thoughtful and comprehensive answer is necessary to receive full credit.

RESPECT

Often, the articles presented spark emotion and distinct opinions. It is important that we listen to all viewpoints and respond/react with maturity and respect for each other.