

# SOC 204 Week 7: Discussion

This is a graded discussion: 15 points possible

## Post an answer to the following prompt

Pick a theory of deviant behavior. Now look closely through its description in Chapter 7 (Figure 7.6 can be particularly helpful).

Pick a theoretical perspective in sociology that is NOT associated with your choice of deviant behavior theory (for instance, if you picked Durkheim's theory you may not pick structural functionalism).

Now try to convince the author(s) of the theory choice to either adopt one more theoretical perspective (the one you chose) in addition to their own or take on an altogether different perspective. You need to convince them that they can do it while still maintaining the basic concept of their theory but that the additional/replaced perspective will improve their theory.

- How could the perspective of your choice add to their account on deviant behavior?
- What are they missing?
- How can they be informed by the perspective you've picked?

Title example: "Symbolic Interactionists ask William Julius Wilson to consider adopting their perspective."

***Note: You already submitted this under a Discussion Prompt assignment. You still need to post here to participate in the discussion and see the replies. Posting your initial prompt does not count for your discussion grade.***

## Discussion Participation

Your prompt is graded in a separate assignment. So I will base your discussion grade solely on your responses. 2-4 posts.

Provide a thoughtful reply to at least two other classmates. Respond to the posts made as replies to your prompt post. Ask questions, request clarifications, bring in your ideas,

cite textbook, and continue applying your choice of sociological perspective for the week.

*Note: I will base your discussion grade on the Part 2 activity only.*