

# Unit 2 Reflection and Discussion

Please choose one of the following options. Be sure to reply to another person's answer after you post your Reflection. Please cite your sources in line and at the end of your initial post for full credit.

## Option 1: The Social Location of Science

You might notice throughout Chapter 2 that we have added links for many of the social scientists that we reference in the chapter. You might also notice that some important people don't have linked information. For this option, please find a video, blog, author website, slideshow or other web material that describes the social scientist, their social location, and their contribution to sociology. Ideally, what you find should be short (about 5 minutes/5 pages) but of high quality. In your post, please share this link with your classmates and describe the following (in 150 - 200 words):

- Who is the social scientist?
- What are their social identities or social locations?
- What is their major contribution to the field of social problems?
- Within your answer, **define at least one sociological word or concept**. These terms are likely to refer to sociology, social theory, or research methods.

## Option 2: Theory in Practice

Find a news article or video that describes a current social problem. Focus on how the author describes **WHY** the social problem exists. Do you see any of the theories in this chapter being applied to explain the social problem?

## Option 3: Theory and Politics

Some people think that Critical Race Theory or Queer Theory encourage division. Others say that CRT and Queer Theory are essential to understand existing injustice. What do you think? Be sure to describe the theory in your answer.

## Option 4: Describe the Data

For this exercise find a chart or graph that describes changes in trends, patterns, or demographics. You can use the sources from the world, from class, or from the book.

Please insert a picture or link to the chart or graph in your discussion post. For your picture or link to the chart or graph, please answer the following questions:

- What does this chart or graph describe?
- Who collected the data?
- What research method or methods did they use?
- How could this data be used to support opposite sides of the same argument?
- Within your answer, define at least one sociological word or concept. These terms are likely to refer to sociology, social theory, or research methods.

## Option 5: Participatory Action Research

Based on the video on [Participatory Action Research with Shiran Haasan](#) [\[YouTube\]](#) (Viewing time: 4:45):

1. What is participatory action research?
2. What are the benefits of this type of research? Who holds the “power” in this type of research?
3. When do we see the effects of participatory action research?

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4. What are some ways that elements of this type of research are transferable to other settings? What examples does Shirah Haasan give?
5. Within your answer, define at least one sociological word or concept. These terms are likely to refer to sociology, social theory, or research methods.

## Option 6: Indigenous Frameworks

Review any of the following sources:

- [Archaeology and genomics together with Indigenous knowledge revise the human-horse story in the American West](#)
- [No 42, Standing for Unči Maka \(Grandmother Earth\) and All Life: An Introduction to Lakota Traditional Science: Principles and Protocols and the Birth of a New Era of Scientific Collaboration](#)
- [Colorado Experience: Native Horses \[YouTube\]](#) (Viewing time: 26:40)
  - a. What is unique about the Indigenous framework?
  - b. How can this framework help us understand social problems differently?
  - c. What are the benefits of weaving mainstream and Indigenous frameworks of science?

## Criteria for Success

This assignment is worth 15 points, including your initial illustration and post (150-200 words), and your response to another student. Please **define and apply** at least one sociological term or concept from Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 in your answer.

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To receive full points, post a reply to another person's answer (100 - 150 words). What made you think? What made you curious to know more? What did you resonate with? Your reply will say something more than "great answer" or "good job!"

Also, as good scientists, we cite our sources. **Please remember to use parentheses in your text, like (Puttman 2024:3), AND add the complete citation at the end of your post.**

To review the rubric used to grade your discussion posts, click the three dot menu in the upper right corner of the screen.