

SOC205 Week 7 Reflection Assignment

Purpose

For your weekly reflection, you will have an opportunity to review the course material and consider how it relates to you and your experiences. This week, you'll examine the ways in which the social institution of education accelerates and limits social change.

Tasks

1. All students respond to one of the Reflection prompt options, worth 15 points:
 - a. Reflection prompt option 1: Using our Google Earth as your foundation, please explore differences in education between two countries. How, and more importantly, why are there differences in who gets educated and what the educational outcomes are? Which educational system is more effective? Please consider social location in your answer.
 - b. Reflection prompt option 2: Using your community padlet, please add additional detail related to the institution of education. How have changes in access to education, learning models, or outcomes influenced your community? Does your community have non-traditional models of learning?
 - c. Reflection prompt option 3: On one hand, the institution of education can foster social change, because children get the opportunity to interact with others who may be different from them, or to get credentials that support social mobility. On the other hand, the institution can be a force for social control, using residential boarding schools, the school-to-prison pipeline, or tracking to maintain inequality. Which explanation do you find more compelling? Why?
 - d. Reflection prompt option 4: Both education for liberation and changes in technology are creating transformative potential for social change in society. Please explore one theorist or one technology change, and discuss their impact on social change.
2. Your post should be 150-200 words and should define and cite at least one sociological concept or key word in your initial post.
3. Interact on Padlet by adding 3 to 5 comments or likes to other students' entries.
4. Submit your response to the prompt to the Week 7 Reflection Assignment discussion board via Canvas.

Criteria for Success

Grading Notes: I will grade based on your initial post (150-200 words), including a definition/application of at least one sociological term or concept, and your response to 3-5 other

students. Your response to other posts should be 100-150 words and could answer what made you think, what made you curious to know more, or what you resonated with, you should go beyond "Great answer" or "Good Job." Also, as good scientists, we cite our sources. Please remember to use parentheses in your text, like (Krouskop 2022:3), AND add the complete citation at the end of your post.

| Criteria | Points |
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| Define at least one sociological concept or key term. Your original post should be 150-200 words. For full credit, please remember to correctly cite your sources. | 3 |
| You will actively respond to course material by applying at least one term or concept. This may include posing questions, connecting ideas, offering solutions, or applying critiques or reflections. | 5 |
| In our learning community, we offer feedback and support to other students. Your reply will be 100-150 words, giving specific feedback on 3-5 students' work. | 5 |
| Your assignment will be easy to read. I won't deduct points for minor errors, but the quality of your work should allow me to focus on your brilliant ideas. | 2 |
| Total | 15 |