

Module 1 Introduction

Overview

The world around you is full of sociological concepts. You can look at patterns in houses, jobs, restaurants, social events, news stories, and even store layouts: rows of gendered pink and blue toys in separate aisles, for example. This module and text chapter looks at the practice of sociology and, more specifically, at the sociology of gender. We will also briefly look at the material types that we will be using and how to effectively read and absorb the most from them!

Learning Outcomes

At the end of this learning module, you will be able to:

1. Explain how the practice of sociology studies patterns of individual and group behavior to better understand the role gender plays in our society.
2. Recognize how social power has shaped the social sciences and scientific process in general and the sociology of gender in particular.
3. Identify the foundational concepts of the sociology of gender.
4. Describe the value of studying the sociology of gender for both individuals and communities.
5. Explain why critical self-reflection is important practice for sociologists.

Learning Activities

This week you are expected to do the following tasks:

1. Post in the introduction discussion post section
2. Read the online lecture notes before and after the assigned readings.
3. Read the assigned chapter and other materials.

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4. Post your primary discussion posts in Discussion #1
5. Respond to your group peers in Discussion #1
6. Weekly Writing Assignment #1 (if you choose to do this one - you must do 4 out of the 10 options).