

Discussion 6: The Social Construction of Mental Illness

Contemplate the videos and lessons of Module 6. Then complete the following steps.

Step One Instructions:

In your post, respond to these questions:

1. How does dominant US culture socially construct mental illness? How is this evident? Give examples to illustrate your ideas and make connections to the textbook.
2. Based on what you hear Malidoma Somé share about his village, how do you see that the members of his village socially construct what we would call mental illness? How is this evident? Give examples to illustrate your ideas and make connections to the video.
3. How does the social construction of mental illness of dominant US culture differ from that of Malidoma's culture? What are the consequences of each construct?

Alternatively, for this discussion, you may respond to your first post with an audio clip.

Step Two Instructions:

For your second and third post, respond to two classmates with constructive feedback of their discussion.

For full credit:

- If written, your first posts should be 200 words or more. If recorded your first post should be 2-5 minutes long. Your second and third posts should be 150 words or more each.
- Use full sentences and correct grammar and punctuation
- Respond to the full set of discussion instructions
- Follow the guidelines noted in the Syllabus on Discussions