

SOC 205 Week 5: Overview

This week we are looking at the "why" of global inequality, how ideologies and systems led to patterns of inequality in the world and new perspectives and movements that exist to address global inequality.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify different economic systems.
2. Describe different sociological perspectives on economic change.
3. Examine why economic systems change over time.
4. Explain some ways that economic systems impact social and ecological systems.
5. Discuss new economic models and perspectives designed to better serve society and the planet.

Course Materials

Watch/Listen:

- Week 5 Video. Please watch this first for an orientation to the week's content. You'll learn more about how the social institution of the economy impacts our lives, different economic models, the power of workers and we will look at new economic models and perspectives that might result in environmental sustainability.
- [Precarity: A short film on women working in the pandemic](#)
- [Shift Change: The fight to make bad jobs better](#)
- [How Workers took on Amazon and Won](#)
- [Why Starbucks Workers Fought to Unionize](#)
- [Podcast: Tracing the Roots of the Climate Crisis](#)
- [What is Gross National Happiness](#)
- [How The Dutch are reshaping their Post Pandemic Economy](#)
- [Why B Corps Matter](#)
- [B Corp Ambassador](#)

Read

- [Chapter 6: Economy and Social Change](#). This chapter introduces some of the following key concepts and terms: calling, capitalism, class conflict, Gross

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National Happiness, neoliberalism, Protestant ethic, socialism, union, and two theorists of note: Karl Marx and Max Weber.

- [Maori Version of the Doughnut](#) [Website]
- [B Lab](#) [Website]
- [What is B Corp Certification?](#) [Website]
- [Benefit Corporation Update: Patagonia Passes B Impact Assessment, Improves Score to 116](#) [Website]