

SOC205 Week 3 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 economic inequality within and between countries.

Tasks

1. All students respond to one of the Reflection prompt options.
 - a. Worth 15 points, due 11:59 pm January 27
 - b. Reflection prompt option 1: Identify two countries to compare. They should be significantly different from one another, to make it easier to see the differences. You may want to choose a country that is part of your community, or one that we are building out in our Google Earth project. Use the [Human Development Insights website](#) to learn about each country. If you click on the country name, you can see information related to poverty, gender inequality, education, climate change, and other indicators that make up the Human Development Insights Index. Feel free to use other sources, including the textbook to figure out why your country's HDI is the way it is. Respond to the following:
 - i. Compare the HDI between the two countries. What do you think are the most important sources of equality or inequality in this comparison? You may also want to comment on what is missing in the data that you see.
 - ii. Your post should be 150-200 words and should define and cite at least one sociological concept or key word in your initial post.
 - c. Reflection prompt option 2: Choose one country to review. You may want to choose a country that is part of your community, or one that we are building out in our Google Earth project. Use the [Our World In Data: Economic Inequality by Gender](#) to learn about the gender pay gap in your country. Respond to the following:
 - i. What are some of the causes of the gender pay gap in your country? Is the gap narrowing or widening over time? What policies has your country put into place to narrow the gap, if anything? What do you think are the most important sources of equality or inequality in this comparison? You may also want to comment on what is missing in the data that you see. Feel free to use other sources, including the textbook, to figure out why the gender pay gap is the way it is in your country.
 - ii. Your post should be 150-200 words and should define and cite at least one sociological concept or key word in your initial post.
 - a. Interact on Padlet by adding 3 to 5 comments or likes to other students' entries.

- d. Submit your response to the option 1 or option 2 prompt to the Week 3 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
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