

Unit 8: Reflection Assignment and Discussion

Please choose from the following options. Since there are so many options, please put the option you picked in the title of your response. Be sure to reply to another person's answer after you post your Reflection. Please cite your sources in line and at the end of your initial post for full credit.

Purpose:

For this week, we will focus on the inequality and interdependence of health, and expanding the social justice of health. We also look at drug use and misuse as one of the components of health. Please respond to **one** of the following reflection options:

Option 1: Intersection and Interdependence

What was your experience of health during COVID-19? How does this experience reveal intersectional social problems or interdependent solutions? (150-200 words)

Option 2: Social Determinants of Health

Please draw your own model of the social determinants of health and upload it as an image (you can take a photo if it is helpful). What did you include or exclude or why? How is the model informed by your social location and life experiences? (150-200 words)

Option 3: Health Systems

How has COVID-19 revealed the inequality and interdependence of our healthcare systems, locally nationally, or worldwide? What could be done to change the situation? (150-200 words)

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Option 4: Gender and Health

Some people believe that gender-affirming care is essential. Others think it should be restricted. Using the concepts of this chapter to support your answer, what do you think?

Option 5: Reproductive Health and Reproductive Justice

Reproductive health and reproductive justice are contentious political topics. Please find examples of protest art, one from each side, and explain how the art reflects the conflict in values and power. You can find examples of protest art on line and link to what you find. Alternately, you can create your own art for this assignment.

Option 6: Advertising as Social Construction

Please find a video, print, or social media ad that is selling or against selling a mind-altering substance. This could be prohibition, smoking in old movies, medical marijuana today, or other substances. Please insert it in your discussion post or link to it. Then answer the following questions (150-200 words total):

- How did this ad capture the beliefs or opinions of the drug at the time?
- How have the views changed over time?

Option 7: Community Resources

Please identify an addiction or recovery center, meeting, intervention, or court. Then answer the following questions (150-200 words total):

- Please describe the service you found. This description might include the name of the program or meeting, phone number or address, type of service, and other useful details.
- What sociological theory explains why this intervention might be effective?
- Do you think this intervention is effective? Why or why not? (You may be able to find outcomes evidence)

Option 8: Legalization

Please answer the following questions (150-200 words total):

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of legalizing a drug?
- How can we understand the debate about legalization to be part of the social problems process?

Option 9: Mass incarceration

How can we see mass incarceration as a social problem related to the racialization of drug use? You may want to use disproportionality or disparity in your answer.

Criteria for Success:

This assignment is worth 15 points, including your initial illustration and post (150-200 words), and your response to another student. Please **define and apply** at least one sociological term or concept.

Your response could answer what made you think, what made you curious to know more, or what did you resonate with. The response should be 100-150 words and go beyond "Great answer" or "Good Job".

Also, as good scientists, we cite our sources. **Please remember to use parenthesis in your text, like (Puttman 2024:3), AND add the complete citation at the end of your post.**

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