

SOC 776

WRITING SOCIOLOGY

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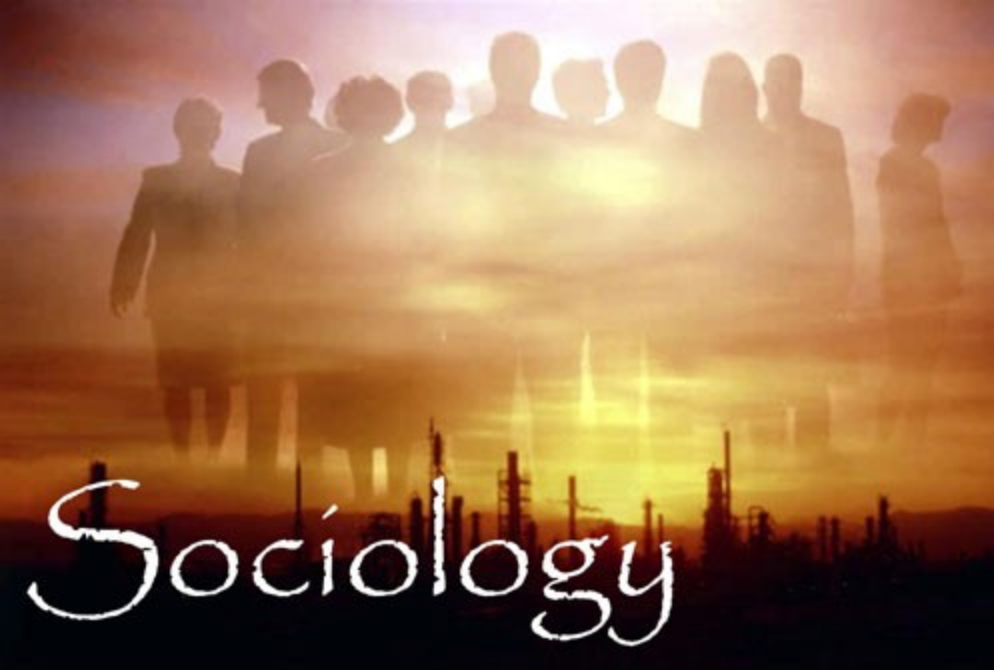
3 TRUTHS AND 1 LIE

- Please write down 4 statements; 3 of the statements are truths about yourself or some aspect of your life, and 1 of the statements is a lie.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6OaSzoSpHE>

I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material I understand to be embraced within that shorthand description ["hard-core pornography"]; and perhaps I could never succeed in intelligibly doing so. But **I know it when I see it**, and the motion picture involved in this case is not that. *[Emphasis added.]*

—Justice Potter Stewart, *concurring opinion in Jacobellis v. Ohio* 378 U.S. 184 (1964), regarding possible obscenity in *The Lovers*.



What is a fair salary for a sociology major a few years out of school? by [Rob](#) Q: I have a few years of experience in HR with a sociology major? Any idea on a fair salary? Any ideas on what are some good positions to pursue with Sociology major?

A: If you have a sociology degree, and you don't say, "Would you like to upsize (supersize) that for only \$.49 more?" 1000 times a day, consider yourself lucky ;-)







C. Wright Mills

The sociological imagination

- Sociology is the intersection between biography and history, between individual private experience and the patterns and relationships on the larger scale of society.
- Example: unemployment

Peter L. Berger

“Invitation to Sociology”

- Sociologist as “value free” (Weber)
- Sociologist as social reformer
- Sociologist as collector of statistics
- Sociologist as a “man” mainly concerned in developing a scientific methodology that he can then impose on human phenomena
- Sociologist as a type of being that is a detached sardonic observer and a cold manipulator.
- Sociologist as endlessly, intensively, shameless interested in the doings of people – without respect for the usual lines of demarcation. But for the grace of her academic title, she is the one who is tempted to look through keyhole, to read other people’s mail, to open closed cabinets.

Emile Durkheim

“Social Facts”

“A social fact is every way of acting, fixed or not, capable of exercising on the individual an external constraint; or every way of acting which is general throughout a given society, while at the same time existing in its own right independent of its individual manifestations.”

FRAMING QUESTIONS

- Remember the “history” and the “biography” parts of the sociological imagination
- Ask a question concerning differences between individuals, groups, role, relationships, societies or time periods.
- Ask a question that requires more than a simple yes or no answer.
- Ask a question that has more than one plausible answer.
- Ask a question that draws relationships between two or more concepts
- Make sure you have access to the information to answer your question
- Make sure your question is answerable in the space allowed.

**Are you old enough to remember
who this is?**



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otCpCn0l4Wo>

There are hundreds of different aspects of social life that are of potential interest to a sociologist. Ranging from micro issues such as ~~for instance~~ social interaction in the workplace to more macro phenomena, such as social inequality or social stratification, ~~the~~ sociology covers a wide range of topics. This is reflected by the variety of methodological, as well as theoretical, approaches from which sociology benefits ~~from~~. ~~As it follows~~ Consequently, it is impossible to describe the a single most influential stream of sociological inquiry; they are specific not only to ~~for~~ respective social issues but also to the historical period in which they are formulated ~~in~~.

On the other hand, we have *Sociology*, a the science focused on the study of society and social phenomena in general. ~~It~~ It looks beyond the individual beings to research society, its development, human relationships, ~~study of~~ organizations and institutions. Sociological studies include ~~such~~ elements such as family, education, religion, culture, nation, gender, social class, etc. ~~e.t.e.~~ Differences from Psychology are quite obvious, but then, again, we can mention some sub-fields like Cognitive Sociology, the field that devoted to the study of the social and cultural components of human cognition, and;
Microsociology, which ~~study that~~ evaluates the social life of ~~the~~ individuals.

Humans are ~~Man is~~ a product of society. Their ~~His~~ biological composition is the ~~as a~~ result of interaction between individuals, while their ~~his~~ personality or physical characteristics are ~~is~~ shaped by their ~~his~~ interactions with all the actors within ~~the~~ society. These includes other individuals, the environment, and the institutions found within the environment. ~~The~~ Society also is developed only to the level of humans' ~~the~~ ~~man's~~ intellectual development, and the things they ~~he~~ permits within ~~the~~ society.