

## **Critical Reflection on Social Location/Positionality: 20%**

**Due Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, before 11:59pm Pacific Daylight Time**

### **Assignment Brief:**

In social science research, it is important to acknowledge our positionality. What is *positionality*? Understanding our positionality is about understanding our own social position in relation to the contexts (social and political) we are studying and researching. What this means, is reflecting on our own social location [class (socio-economic status), “race” and ethnicity, gender, and sexuality, as examples] in relation to the social world around us.

In this short writing assignment, you are asked to reflect on your own positionality (social location) in relation to course material so far (**our focus will be on Chapters 1, 2, and 3**). To help you do this, you might consider reflecting on the following:

- How has the course material you have learned impacted your views?
- Have your views, beliefs and attitudes changed in response to the course material?

### **Structure:**

(1) In terms of writing structure, it might help to imagine this assignment as a journal entry rather than as a formal essay:

- For example, this is an opportunity to reflect on your own views of the course material so far, and to consider how your own social location has played a role in influencing your views.

(2) Your Critical Reflection should be **no more than 800-words**:

(3) Referencing:

- When it comes to referencing style, please use APA guidelines for [in-text citations](#)
- **Note:** For help with referencing, check out the referencing and citation podcast (and transcript), uploaded to our course Moodle page.