

Manifesto Brief - 1,000 words (maximum)

Due: Friday, June 4th, before 11:59pm, Pacific Daylight Time

For this assignment, you are asked to write a manifesto. It may be your first time writing a manifesto, and that's okay! A manifesto is a place to share (and declare!) what you feel is most important in this world. A manifesto is an opportunity to express your views, and your motivations.

For our purposes in sociology, this can be about sharing what social change you would like to see, and what steps you think need to happen for that change to take place.

Key to your success in this assignment is showing that you can support your views and motivations with course material—that means, that what you need to back up your claims with evidence from the course material (textbook, etc.).

Before you begin drafting your own manifesto, read [this short post](#) from the British Library, which describes a manifesto as:

a unique way of communicating which addresses an audience and asks them to unite to take action and change something. In this sense, the manifesto is an historical artifact and political tool within the history of radical democracy. The earliest examples can be traced back to Europe of the 16th Century; most famous manifestos include the [Declaration of Independence](#) and the [Communist Party Manifesto](#). The concept of a manifesto is a little bit like a pamphlet, which were often homemade and distributed by hand in public places; likewise the manifesto is a public announcement often printed in newspapers or journals.

To get started with your own manifesto for this assignment, as yourself: ***What is something I have I learned about so far in this class that I would like to see changed? Why?***

In your manifesto, draw connections between what is important to you, and what we have learned so far together in this course using APA guidelines for your referencing and in-text citations (see my podcast on referencing and citations).

If you are still feeling a bit lost on where to begin, check out this [step-by-step resource](#), which offers some practical guidance on how to write your manifesto.

Presentation and Structure

Your assignment must be **under 1,000 words**, and you are welcome to be creative in your presentation (if you wish). For example, you can subject headings, and use bullet points to highlight your points, and you can use whichever font/text colour you would like. You could submit a digital poster, or even a PowerPoint presentation. Likewise, if you are more comfortable submitting an essay-style document, that is fine too. The choice is yours!