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Discussion Forum 1

Commenting on Meacham's (2015) critique of psychology, I think the author is right based on the argument. Meacham has a different opinion concerning using psychological measures such as DSM in treating individuals with mental health issues. Hence, agreeing with the claim that DSM is not efficient in handling all individuals suffering from mental and emotional challenges because they cannot follow the social cause of the problem. Several sociological theories may be utilized in discussing the causality and react to the challenges.

I have never thought of DSM labeling in the direction of Meacham (2015) because the condition becomes superseding with medicine and other treatments already related to the label. Based on my way of DSM labeling, I understood that the labels allow physicians to undertake all the individuals of a group that is overly similar in the fundamental nature of the disease, irrespective of if there are several changes in the demonstration of symptoms or conditions surrounding sickness onset.

The characteristics of Meacham clients were Mexican migrants, of which most of them that were coming for mental health treatment indicated signs that are available in DSM. Meacham clients had characteristics of depression; they portray posttraumatic stress disorders, alcohol consumption and the other ailments available in the DSM.

Also, Meacham used Marx, Durkheim and Weber concepts in explaining the health problem. Marx used the alienation concept, which explains that alienation is increasing the issue. Therefore, the proposed intervention is aimed at ensuring the patients use the energy and change their situations. Moreover, Durkheim used the concept of anomie and control theory (Meacham, 2015). Anomie concepts are utilized to explain the vast adverse changes that almost finished

Mexico increased migration; therefore, upon reaching the destination, they did not get anyone to guide them.

Moreover, through the use of control theory, Meacham emphasizes a need for inspiring sense of community in the camp visits and other clinic programs in supporting them. Finally, Weber has a disenchantment concept that assists the clients in examining their identity and offering them another community. Through the use of religion and church, the clients can get hope.

I am convinced with Meacham's argument because the issue of this unique population can be addressed by sociology because there is a connection between sociological factors and mental and emotional illness. The population can face significant social factors such as social integration and other shared belief systems that can result in stress and other mental health issues. Psychological well-being and suffering are associated with various general features of social life.

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Discussion Forum 2

Black Lives Matter is an organization that is a decentralized movement that complains against events of law enforcement brutality as well as all racially inspired violence against black individuals. Since the movement is dispersed worldwide, members can get information and

stories on what is happening. The movement can create forums that can inspire black people to rise to fight police brutality and racial segregation. To attain the organization's goals, they can create socially construct narratives such as posters when protesting. Williams (2015) claimed that Black Lives Matter started with hashtag #BlackLivesMatter in 2013 on social media. This began after the discharge of George Zimmerman an African American youth called Trayvon Martin in February 2012 who was shot. The movement has emerged as the biggest in the United States, fighting against law enforcement violence to black individuals and other policy variations regarding black liberation.

Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, inc. main goals are to eliminate white sovereignty and create a local authority to intercede in violence imposed on black individuals by the government and vigilantes. Therefore, through developing a platform for the Black thoughts and origination as well as focusing on Black joy. Also, Black Lives Matter (n.d) stated that its goal is to develop a free Black future through learning, creating and honoring from the generations of freedom fighters. Black Lives Matter organization is well organized because they are expanding. The organization is a collective of saviors that believes in a comprehensive and expansive movement (Black Lives Matter, n.d). Besides, creating a large mass of people will make a move strong and make all individuals on the front. Also, the organization sustains the lives of Black individuals, including the disabled and those that are not documented.

Different individuals and organizations have varying definitions of success. Therefore, Black Lives Matter has not yet attained success. Still, they are developing a movement of influencers devoted to the partisan, societal, and economic control for Black individuals. Also, communication plays a critical role in the organization. They communicate to the members through social media because that is where the movement started. This is done through

testimonies. The organization's website is user-friendly as one can navigate through the system efficiently. Also, the site has used black white and yellow colors, which are easily visible. The organization's action agenda makes me want to be involved with them because they aim to ensure the world changes to a better place where one can perform their work without fear of their race or being violated because of their physical appearances.

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