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Introduction To Sociology (SO 101 50) Writing Assignment

During our first meeting this semester, you were introduced to the Sociological Imagination, a concept proposed by the American sociologist C. Wright Mills and we discussed that to use the sociological imagination is to shift your perspective away from yourself and look at things more broadly. According to Mills, The sociological imagination is **the practice of being able to "think ourselves away" from the familiar routines of our daily lives** and to look at other perspectives. Several classes later we discussed the three primary perspectives in Sociology; Structural Functionalism, Conflict Perspective and Symbolic Interactionism.

Your assignment is to consider, using the Sociological Imagination and applying the Functionalist Perspective, why people from the least industrialized and poorest societies of the world tend to have so many children?

To many of us who live in the more industrialized nations, it may seem to be irrational to have so many children. However, when applying The Sociological Imagination and the Structural Functionalist Theory to these countries, having so many children might make very good sense and that by producing children people may reflect the values of their cultures.

Remember, The Sociological Imagination helps us to understanding life from the framework of the people who are living it and together with the Functionalist Perspective it might reveal why it makes perfect sense to have many children in these societies.

Using the Sociological Imagination and the Functionalist Perspective, your assignment is to write four to five pages explaining why having so many children are functional for these societies.

You do not have to use references; your opinions are good enough. However, if you choose to use references (including the text), they must be properly cited.

I expect well-written, grammatically correct, spell-checked, and properly punctuated papers. **They should be four to five pages, using 12 point "Arial" font, double spaced, with 1" margins on all four sides of the page. Papers must be stapled securely.**

The cover page, work cited page and bibliography (if references are used), do not count towards the page requirement. **Papers are to be turned in at the beginning of class on Thursday, October 14, 2021 and will not be accepted after that date** unless an exception has been granted for some legitimate and unavoidable reason.

This paper will account for 10% of your final grade.

Note: The most common (and easiest to fix) mistake students make when writing papers is not having a clear grasp of the assignment and failing to ask for clarification... That being said ... If you are confused or in some way need assistance, please Email me, call me, stop by the office, or see me before or after class. I will make myself available to help you through this assignment!

Good Luck!