

PAPER- SOCI 1301- F15

**Due Tues. Nov. 24, beginning of class- can hand in paper copy or send online to the D2L e-mail (note- not to the Lone Star e-mail address)**

**There are two parts to the paper. Each should be 2-3 pages double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 font, not including the title page and bibliography.** They are worth 50 points each, for a total of 100 points, out of the course total of 350.

There are a few purposes to these papers:

- to show your sociological imagination
- to familiarize yourself with more detail about some cultures and social issues
- to work with the available databases through the library, either online or in the library
- to be able to integrate theories and concepts (such as from the textbook), studies (databases), and daily applications (such as problems that you identify, or any related media stories, or any personal stories that fit...)
- to have the opportunity to further develop research and writing skills

**PART 1: Culture: Summary and Sociological Discussion of an issue from one of the chapters we have covered by the time it's due, as viewed in any two different cultures or subcultures.** In other words a compare and contrast. Narrow down the topic to be specific. Be creative. Make it fun. Pick a topic that you really are curious about. There are so many possible topics, as we will have covered culture and socialization in general, as well as deviance, stratification, race and ethnicity, gender, family and religion.

Examples of topics:

- homicides in Houston and Seoul (S. Korea)
- education for the poor in Haiti and Kenya
- pornography laws in Iran and Germany
- poverty in Denmark and Cuba
- illegal immigration to Germany and Caymen Island
- health care for the poor in Canada and United States
- segregation in Czech Republic and Iraq
- gun ownership in Texas and Massachusetts
- family comedy TV shows in 1960 and 2010
- transsexuals in Thailand and Italy
- human trafficking in North America and Africa
- child labor in Liberia and Ecuador
- females in the military in Iceland and Iran
- religion in China and Holland
- country music in Texas and Kentucky

-dental hygiene in South Africa and New Zealand

Note- This is a summary and discussion. It is not enough to only have a descriptive summary. You need to include a sociology discussion. This means that 1) you need to include not only encyclopedic type information but also an academic discussion using appropriate academic journal articles and course concepts, and 2) you need to include a compare and contrast.

You need to include your sources. This means that you need to give proper credit within the paper as well as in a bibliography. The style that you use is up to you. If you are not sure how to do this, go to The Write Place <http://www.lonestar.edu/write-place-resources>, or the Library <http://www.lonestar.edu/library/citation-help.htm>, for help.

For help with the paper, you can go to The Write Place, our writing center, in G103, <http://www.lonestar.edu/write-place.htm>. You can also go to the Reference Librarians in the library (building F, 1<sup>st</sup> floor) for guidance on sources for your topic.

**Part 2: Personal Application – Take any concept from the course and discuss how it applies to you, whether at a directly personal level or at a more general community level. For example you can take the concept of SOCIALIZATION. Discuss how you or someone you know has been socialized by their culture. Pick one or more agents of socialization and discuss how it has influenced you or someone you know.**

Examples of topics related to socialization:

- How has your parents' ethnic background influenced you?
- How has your parents' ethnic background influenced their parenting?
- How has your religion influenced you?
- If you have lived in different areas, how has each socialized you?
- How have you been socialized to be an American?
- How has a specific event such as 9/11 socialized you?

Note- There are many concepts in each chapter. Socialization is just one example. You can take any course concept. For example, take the concept of social class and examine how it affects your community. Also, in this part, you are showing that you are able to apply concepts at a more personal level. A bibliography here would be for more descriptive information about the culture /agent of socialization that you are examining. It is ok to use Wikipedia for some basic descriptive information for this part.

