What to Study: Exam 1 Review

Sociology

- What is sociology (Chapter 1 in The Real World)?
  - What is it called when we study society scientifically?
- What is a theory (Chapter 2 in The Real World)?
  - What are the three main theoretical perspectives in sociology?
  - How are each similar/different?
  - What scholars are associated with each perspective?
  - Who are the earliest scholars in sociology, and what did they do to help in the formation of the academic discipline?
  - What are the current theoretical perspectives in sociology?
- Did you read Peter Berger’s “Sociology as an Individual Pastime” and C. Wright Mills’ The Sociological Imagination (Readings 1 and 2)?
- What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative research (Chapter 3 in The Real World)?
  - What are examples of each?
  - What is ethnography?
    - How does this method differ from scientific experiment?
  - What is the belief that our own way of life is natural and better than other ways?
  - Who are Milgram and Zimbardo?
    - What research projects did they conduct?
    - What does their work show us about conducting research with human subjects?
- Did you read Joel Best’s “Telling the Truth about Damned Lies and Statistics,” Allan Brandt’s “Racism and Research: The Case of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study,” and Goldman and Papson’s Nike Culture: The Sign of the Swoosh (Readings 6, 7, and 8)?
- What is culture (Chapter 4 in The Real World)?
  - How do we acquire culture?
  - What are some of the key characteristics of culture mentioned in the class lecture?
  - What is a symbol?
  - Ideas about what is right and/or beautiful are called what?
  - Ideas about the ways things should be done are called what?
  - How does the concept society differ from the concept of culture?
- What is the self (Chapter 5 in The Real World)?
  - Is it correct to attribute much of our behavior to human nature?
  - What do the cases of children raised in isolation show us?
  - What are the various theories on how we develop our individual identities?
    - Who are the specific scholars associated with each theory?
  - Who are the various agents responsible for our socialization?
  - What is a total institution?
  - What is the difference between status and role?
    - What are the different types of status?
- We exist in two main types of groups, what are they called and how do they differ (Chapter 6 in The Real World)?
- What is Durkheim’s concept of anomie, and how does this relate to group life?
- What do we call a group of two people? What do we call a group of three people?
- What are the key components of bureaucracy?
  - Which component results in the rule of many by few? What do we call the rule of many by few?
- What is meant by McDonaldization?
- What is a recognized violation of cultural norms called (Chapter 7 in The Real World)?
- Did you read Beth Montemurro’s “Something Old, Something Bold,” Kristie Taylor’s “Civility and Order: Adult Social Control of Children in Public Places,” and Shearing and Stenning’s “From the Panopticon to Disney World” (Readings 12, 14, and 32)?