

## SOC 330: Social Inequality Final Project ~ Social Inequality Photo Essay

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For this assignment you must submit and analyze 5 photos that you have taken yourself that show an example of social inequality. In your essays (one essay per photo), apply at least two course ideas or theories/concepts to the photo examples you have chosen.

Your essays must also refer to your photos and use them as data in discussing your example in terms of the course material. Your photos must be clear and, again, they must be your own. You are free to be creative in choosing your example of social inequality. With the exception of obscenity, if you can take photos of some aspect of it, you can use it.

All photos must be in jpg and numbered as well as inserted/attached to your submitted essay for each photo. The essay assignment should be at least 5 pages in length (points will be deducted for failing to meet the page length requirement), not including title and reference pages.

The written portion of the project must be in APA format and follow APA guidelines and will be worth 100 points.

For this project the student will explore and discuss social inequality in the United States. Your photo essay must include information about the following:

1. A clear definition of your topic
  - i. (i.e., the group(s) that is the subject of your photo)
  - ii. Why the selected group(s) experiences inequality?
2. Background information related to the social inequality experienced by the group that is the subject of your photo:
  - i. Evidence of historical inequality
  - ii. Legislation that has resulted in institutional discrimination against your photo topic (if relevant)
3. Statistical evidence of inequality in terms of power, wealth and/or prestige (current day evidence)
4. Proposed and/or enacted legislation designed to overcome discrimination against the group(s) that is the subject of your photo
5. Identify and apply two Sociological theories to each photo that explain the social inequality experienced by the group(s) that is the subject of your photo.

Please follow the assignment directions and format carefully. As your photo essay will be graded accordingly. In addition, you must include at least 3 references for your photo project.

The following topics can be chosen:

- **Race** - Can be related to one specific race (according to US Census groups) or racial minorities in general
- **Ethnicity** - (Can be related to one specific ethnic group that is significantly represented in the US or ethnic minorities in general)
- **Gender** – Does NOT have to be specific to women. Gender inequality affects men as well.
- **Sexual Orientation** - Can be related to one specific LGBTQ group.
- **Social Class** - (Impoverished people, the homeless, the working poor, etc.)
- **Education** – Private versus public, suburban versus urban
- **Age** - Ageism

Please note that if there is another topic that you would like to explore, please contact me to discuss your topic and we'll decide if it is a viable topic for this project.

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Your paper should use at least five references which can include the web site used for the DQ. Please remember to cite your sources using APA guidelines.

**\*\*Also, please remember that all papers according to our course policies are required to be formatted in Word using doc/docx, any other formats including pages, pdf's, google docs etc. are all unacceptable and will not be accepted for credit.**

## Social Inequality Project Grading Rubric

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**Assignment Rubric for Grading:** Below is the grading rubric for this assignment. Please follow the assignment directions as well as use the grading rubric to complete your assignment. Your paper will be graded according to the grading rubric.

**Grading Rubric Section 1:** The paper is at least **5 pages** in length, typed and double-spaced. The paper follows APA guidelines including a title and reference page with at least 5 references as well as provides in-text citations (**10 points**). Please note that if one or more of these requirements are missing you will be deducted the full **-10 points**.

**Grading Rubric Section 2:** The paper must answer the questions in full detail and follow the required assignment directions and format: (**90 points total**).

The project provides a clear definition of the topic (**20 points**)

- i. (i.e., the group that is the subject of your photos)
- ii. Why the selected group experiences inequality?

The project provides background information related to the social inequality experienced by the group that is the subject of the photos (**20 points**)

- iii. Evidence of historical inequality
- iv. Legislation that has resulted in institutional discrimination against your chosen topic in each photo (if relevant)

The project provides current statistical evidence of inequality in terms of power, wealth and/or prestige (**20 points**)

The project discusses a proposed and/or enacted legislation designed to overcome discrimination against the groups that are the subject of the photos (**10 points**)

The project applies two sociological theories to each photo that explains the social inequality experienced by the group(s) that are the subject of the photos (**20 points**)

**\*\*Please note that 10 points will be automatically deducted if the paper does not follow the assignment formatting requirements such as providing title/reference pages, page length, and the quality of your paper including organization, formatting and following APA guidelines including in-text citations.**