

Next Monday there is No class !! Boo!

Conflict theory.

Conflict is a normal part of life. Conflict is constant and creates change.

It is a fact of social life.

Psycho Dynamic theories - Freud (Id, Ego and Superego)

2 types of conflict

Within systems – Endogenous Conflict	Between of systems - Exogenous
Changes of values, resources and authority	Wars
Ex: laws of a country changing: Marijuana laws, gay marriage	Conflicts of ideology
Personal belief systems. Understanding personal bias and values.	European Migration conflict, closing country borders.

Values helps us understand and define differences.

It enhances understanding of power structures... and how power disparities impact people's lives.
(access to food, health, education)

Stability is temporary because **Conflict is constant**.

Use of Power to create and change. How do people with power maintain stability and their power? How do they engage to keep others from creating conflict (look at Marxism)

Education, religious, political institution. . . . the change makers.

Social Life

Social life and values are tied to conflict generated. They involve coercion.

Social life involves groups with different interests.
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Generates opposition, exclusion and hostility.

Interest Groups have opposition and interest groups. Republican Vs Dems. Greasers vs preppy.

Carl Marx 1. The haves (bo-jwasee) elite and the haves nots (proletariat) the working class who labor for wages .

Communist manifesto

Economy and means of production. What does it take to have resources that come out of labor.

THERE IS ALWAYS A CLASS STRUGGLE between working class and elite.

Sub classes : petite Buguasue ... Loompin Proletariat the unemployed working class such as homeless and unemployed.

Bye Bye Middle Class

The elite is always hiding the struggle . They mask real life issues with religion.



But the rich will always have reasons not to pay the poor more: you are not educated enough, you don't deserve the money, you are not skilled.

Ie: abortion. Working class women having trouble affording children or affording care for special needs kids, or raising children on the way .

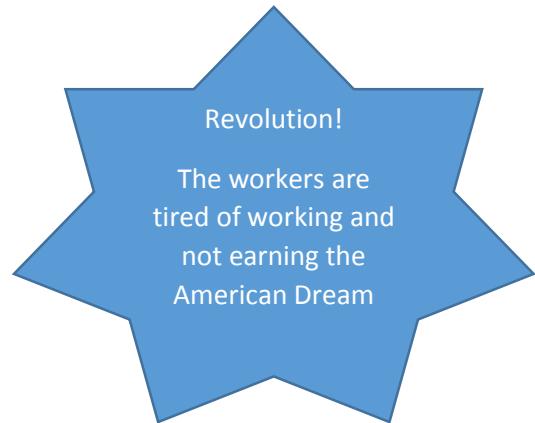
Think of The Fight for \$15.00 minimum wage.

Religion is The Opiate. It keeps the working class focused on a better life after death. The elite are focused on the Here and Now.

Labor creates Value. The owners and elite have no profits or money or wealth if the workers stop working. Profit and wealth come from the difference of

Value of goods

- Price of labor (only a portion of the value of the product)
= _____
Profit to the elite.



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Look for the CNN coverage of the Occupy Movement. CNN took 2 weeks to cover it. – the ruling class control the flow of information and the creation of knowledge.

Class consciousness is the awareness of Class positions and making the poor know they are poor and treated unequally .

Religion and **Nationalism**

Nationalism – the belief that a common culture and language binds people together and they should not be subject to strangers.

Ruling elite – Corporate PERSONHOOD

Conflict Theory helps us identify groups and classes of people and the exploited.

Problems with Conflict theory

Over emphasis on polarization.

Doesn't account for complex outside influences

Very focused on class and differences.

Social Dominance Theory – people naturally compete for resources so they establish a hierarchy.

Looks at individual motivations and social forces that create inequality and dominance.

1. Social dominance orientation
 - a. People have a basic drive toward Group Based Inequalities
 - b. Every group will be unequal
 - c. Every group will naturally have leaders.
 - d. Oh my God, Lindsey Lohan in Mean Girls. My work here is done.
2. Can happen in many structures and groups
 - a. Siblings
 - b. Governments
 - c. Corporations.
 - d. In families –
 - i. Older brother will have more praise and power. Younger siblings have fewer rules
 - ii. age
 - iii. gender
 - e. Leads to behaviors
 - i. Brothers may hold patriarchal values
 - ii. Sisters may have specific roles as well
 - f. Passed on from generations
 - i. Often cultural
 1. Boys will be boys
 - ii. Often religious
 1. Girls must wait for marriage and submit to their husband as the Christ figure in their family.

2. GAY marriage is a sin. It is a private sin expanded in society until it is a prevailing view and a law discriminating against the gays because on a personal religious belief it is a sin.
3. Things that lead to different roles
 - a. Education
 - b. Wealth
 - c. Access to media messages.
4. Is it learned or something you are born with Everyone belongs in a specific echelon or cast
 - a. A leader in one setting will be a leader in all settings
 - b. Always believing there is a structured hierarchy in all groups
 - c. You will feel uncomfortable in an unstructured environment is that is all you have known and been successful in.
5. Hierarchy is NOT fixed and can be changed based on individual perception.

Not all groups believe power goes top to bottom.

Traditional marriage.  Man at top, woman in the bottom

Now marriages can look different and are more equal.

Racism and Nationalism both create natural hierarchies where one group leads and has the power.

GROUP BASED INEQUALITIES

Look for ways to have a greater level of group equality.

S.D.O. Social **Dominance** Orientation

Where do you fall on the scale?

Can you adapt to a new structure?

NATURE vs **NURTURE**

Assignment 1 bh6

A 5 to 7 page paper in APA format.

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LIMIT actual quotations to no more than 3. Use your own words.
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Use headings ad sub headings.

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Conflict Theory

(description, how it will be applied, 3 concepts are the sub headings)

