



CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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ESSAY TWO

For the second essay you are expected to analyze the mass incarceration system in the US from Weber's and Durkheim's perspectives.



Heads-up

- It is a compare and contrast exercise and that means: 1/3 of your essay goes to one scholar, 1/3 to the other one, and 1/3 to comparison and conclusion.
- What matters most is your critical analysis, backed up by “direct quotes” from Weber and Durkheim.
- Quotes need to be from your text book.
- Avoid substantiating your claims by sentences like: as we discussed in the class, as the lecture power point says.
- This is not your first essay, and therefore, it will be graded more rigidly. Typos, misspellings, grammatical mistakes, general claims, unsubstantiated arguments, all will result in point reductions.



While crafting your ideas keep the keywords below in your mind:

Max Weber: The history of human being is the history of struggle for domination/ Legitimacy, power, and domination/ Forms of authority/ Myth of superiority/ Internalization/ Life chances/ Bureaucracy and the iron cage

Emile Durkheim: The history of human being is the history of different forms of solidarity (collective consciousness, legal systems)/ Social facts: race/ethnicity, class, gender, family background, education, legal system, etc./ Collective consciousness/ Law/ Different forms of punishment in different types of solidarity/ Crime and deviance/ Law and customs/ Function of /crime and deviance.



Below is a list of readings and sources.

- Go over the Power Points carefully.
- Read the introductions to Weber and Durkheim in your textbook.
- I have uploaded two pdf files on Canvas, under readings, titled Durkheim and Weber. Read their introductory sections if you have time. They have good quotations and explanations.

Go over:

- Chapter 16: division of labor and solidarity
- Chapter 22: class, status, and party
- Chapter 23: types of domination and authority

It may sound a lot. But if you have already done the readings and attended to the discussions in the class, you should be fine.

Organization

- Include a cover page with the title the course, the title of your essay, and your name.
- You must have direct quotes from Weber and Durkheim to back up your claims. All the “direct quotes” *must* be from your textbook with the page number mentioned. “xxx” (p.---).
- If you use other references, a list of references is required to be placed at the end of the essay.

Deadline

Your response should be uploaded on Canvas on November 14, 2016 midnight. *The module will be inaccessible after 11:59 pm.* Late submissions will not be accepted. Emailed essays will not be graded. Your essay must go through turnitinfor authenticity verification.

Good luck

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