

Sociology Project

This project will be a culmination of all you have learned in this class. You are asked to take a look at a group and study its behavior. Ask a question about that group. Why do they act a certain way? Why do others act a certain way towards that group? What are the reasons that they perform that way? Who are the people that tend to join that group? These are the kinds of questions that a sociologist would ask, and try to answer. But, it is important that your questions be testable.

First, you should work on a proposal so that we can see if your idea is a feasible one. Then you must choose how you are going to test your hypothesis or question. Then you should perform the study. Be sure to run it past me first, so that we can get permission (if necessary). When you have your results, you have to make sense of them. You must interpret your results to fit with your original question. Finally, you must conclude with what you have found out about your group. Did you prove your theory? Were you shocked with your results? Did your results prove nothing?

I want you to also think about how you will present your study to the class (or a larger group). You may want to consider a powerpoint presentation, posters, video, handouts, booklet, or any other way you can think of. Feel free to be creative.

Aside from your presentation, you must as a group hand in a final write-up of your project. The sections of this write up should be:

1. Hypothesis
2. Methods
3. Results
4. Interpretation of Results
5. Conclusion

You should divide each section into these 5 groups and explain in as much detail as possible. Basically, I want to know each step that you go through and how you came to your conclusions.

I am really looking forward to seeing what you all find out. Good Luck.