

Sociology 316: Minority Groups
Summer 2008
Due: Thursday, August 8, 2008

Taking a *Different* Side

Introduction

In this course, you will read 5 issues from the *Taking Sides* reader. In this assignment, I ask that you do some light research to create (if you will) a new chapter to the *Taking Sides* text. Not all issues dealing with race and ethnicity are discussed in the book, so your great task is to come up with an issue pertaining to race/ethnicity and objectively present both sides of the argument. **The paper is worth 14% of your final grade.**

Assignment Details

You are asked to use the D'Angelo and Douglas text *as a guide* and create a yes and no (for pro and con) side to an issue relating to minority groups. Your issue should **not** be one found in the D'Angelo and Douglas text, but you may use the Gallagher text to help you formulate other racial/ethnic issues. In addition, your issue, like the D'Angelo and Douglas text needs to be phrased as a yes/no question and should be answered accordingly. Lastly, the yes and no sides should be equal in scope and objective, so that you presenting a fair depiction of what a yes side and no side would sound like. Remember that this is, in part, a research paper so use outside sources to make your cases.

Grading Criterion

Your journal will be judged primarily by ⁽¹⁾ how inventive and relevant your particular topic is to sociology, ⁽²⁾ how well you equally display and research the yes and no viewpoints in your paper, and ⁽³⁾ your writing style.

Writing Guidelines

Writing effectively is the key to success in college. As such, there is an emphasis on the technical structure of your writing. The paper should be 4 to 6 pages of text (no more, no less), double-spaced (except for the header), and in a 12-point Times New Roman, Garamond or similar font. **See syllabus for additional guidelines.** Please also remember to include a bibliography or works cited page (which does not count towards the page limit). It is your responsibility to edit and craft your paper to these writing guidelines. Listed on the syllabus is the website and contact information for the Writing Center. I **strongly encourage** you to schedule an appointment with the Writing Center to discuss your paper.

Final Thoughts

I understand that there is a certain level of imagination and research involved in coming up with an issue for this assignment. If you need help formulating a topic, please seek out assistance at least two weeks before the deadline. The paper is due at 12:01pm on Thursday, August 8 **by email**. Absolutely **no** late papers will be accepted unless special permission has been previously granted.