

SOCI 1160/Introduction to Social Problems
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Written Assignment
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As presented on your course syllabus, an analytical essay assignment is required within this course. This assignment evaluates your ability to apply the sociological imagination to a particular social phenomenon. Approach this assignment as you would an examination essay question. Demonstrate both your knowledge and understanding of your chosen topic. To facilitate your argument, you may include anecdotal accounts of your own experiences. Utilization of course material within your response is required; utilization of additional references is optional. Focus upon the creation of an integrated analytical essay which clearly states your hypothesis (thesis)/introduction, your argument/discussion, and your conclusions. The essay must be typewritten with a *times new roman* font of 12, double-spaced, and possess a length of at least two pages and no longer than three pages. Clearly identify the number that corresponds to your chosen question.

The general topics within each question reflect the course materials within unit two of this course. Your efforts toward this assignment will facilitate your preparation for exam 2. **This assignment is worth a maximum of 25 points; it is due to me during our class session on Monday July 22, 2019. Late submissions of this assignment will be worth a maximum of 12.5 points. Submission of draft work (optional) deadline via iCollege: Friday July 12, 2019.**

Select and respond to one of the following questions.

- 1) Over the years, data on various forms of violence within the United States have been often utilized as evidence of a culture of violence. Create a sociological argument (see guidelines stated above) which either supports or refutes the existence of a culture of violence embedded within the United States.

OR

- 2) How has the medicalization of human problems (also known as the medicalization of society) contributed to the increased prevalence rates of prescribed drug abuse and over-the-counter drug abuse within the United States? Provide a sociological argument (see guidelines stated above).