

Sociology

Content Outline

I. The Study of Sociology

- A. Key Concepts of Sociology
- B. Sociological Perspective
- C. Origins of Sociology
 - 1. Theories
 - 2. History
 - 3. Key Individuals
- D. Methods of Sociological Research

II. Culture and Social Structure

- A. Culture
 - 1. Components of Culture
 - a. Values
 - b. Symbols
 - c. Normal
 - d. Language
 - 2. Cultural Integration
 - a. Relativism/Ethnocentrism
 - b. Pluralism
 - c. Counterculture/Subculture
 - d. Cultural diversity
 - e. Cultural change
- B. Groups
 - 1. Group Dynamics
 - a. Status
 - b. Roles
 - c. Interaction
 - d. Leadership
 - 2. Types of Groups
 - a. Social groups
 - b. Formal organizations
 - 3. Collective Behavior and Social Movements

III. The Individual and Society

- A. Socialization
 - 1. Nature vs. Nurture
 - 2. Agents of socialization
 - 3. Stages of individual development and life course
 - 4. Re-socialization
- B. Deviance
 - 1. Components of deviance
 - 2. Perceptions of deviance

IV. Inequality and Power

A. Class and Stratification

1. Class Identity/Membership
2. Mobility
 - a. Facilitators
 - b. Barriers

B. Race and Ethnicity

1. Social meaning of race and ethnicity
2. Prejudice and discrimination
3. Group Interaction
 - a. Assimilation
 - b. Integration
 - c. Segregation
 - d. Pluralism
4. Patterns of acceptance and rejection

C. Gender

1. Sex versus Gender
2. Roles and stereotypes
3. Gender socialization
4. Gender stratification

V. Social Institutions

A. Family

1. Functions
2. Global patterns
3. Challenges of the modern family

B. Education

1. Functions
2. Issues in education

C. Religion

1. Functions
2. Issues in education

D. Health

1. Functions
2. Issues in health

E. Economics

1. Functions
2. Issues in government

VI. Selected Social Problems

A. Crime

B. Age

C. Urban crisis

D. Environment

E. Drugs and Alcohol

F. Science and Technology

- G. Welfare
- H. Immigration