

1.) The field of Social Psychology reveals just how vulnerable human beings are to social influence. The question is not whether or not others influence our actions, but rather, to what degree, and under what conditions, others influence our decisions. Throughout this course we have examined sociological and psychological factors that help us understand human action. In particular, we have looked at the following topics:

Human conformity, violence and media, mass communication and persuasion, social cognition, self-justification, human aggression, interpersonal relationships and attraction, sustainable practices, the psychology of capitalism and choice, bilingual education, and aroused decision-making.

For your final exam, please write an essay in which you explore at least FOUR of the above-mentioned areas. Discuss each of your four areas in detail and be sure to cite—and explain—as many studies as you can in so much as they relate to the areas you choose. Keep in mind, this essay is YOUR OPPORTUNITY to reveal everything you learned about social psychology, so please do not withhold any information that you think may be important.

Please turn your final exam in to **MCD 384** on **Tuesday, December 13th by 5:00pm**. Late exams will not be considered.