

Sociology 201
Midterm Exam Review
Fall 2012

In general, you should be familiar with *all* of the short articles assigned in the syllabus. I would recommend reviewing the principle arguments made in each article. (Reviewing the Prezi slides should aid with this.) In addition, you should know the key terms highlighted in class lecture and be familiar with the supplemental videos/activities assigned in MySocLab. To be frank, the mid-term exam is difficult, so you should prepare accordingly. That said, there is nothing in the exam that was not covered in class or discussed in the readings. The list below is *not all inclusive* but it gives a general idea of the types of areas I will be testing. The mid-term consists of 35 multiple choice questions worth 2 points each and 15 true/false questions worth 2 points apiece.

Terms/Readings to be familiar with:

- Sociological Imagination
 - Be able to define Sociology (Mills, specifically.)
 - Chris Johnson video on subconscious decisions
- Methodological approaches in Sociology
 - Participant-observer, experiment, survey, existing sources, etc.
- Research in Social Sciences
 - Reliability, validity, correlation and causation. (Be able to distinguish between these.)
 - Gelles and Cavanaugh, "Association is Not Causation."
 - Zimbardo Prison Experiment/Tuskegee syphilis case
 - Homicide rates in Mexico
- The role of culture in social reproduction and change
 - Ethnocentrism, cultural relativism, counterculture (Miner)
 - Love and arranged marriages (Giri Raj Rupta)
 - Codes of the Street (Anderson)
 - Charis Kubrin, "Gangstas, Thugs, and Hustlas: The Code of the Street in Rap Music."
- Processes of socialization and their consequences (Ch. 5)
 - Feral/Isolated children
 - The My Lai Massacre (Kelman)
 - Police accounts of normal force (Hunt)
- Religion
 - Sociology of Religion
 - Mark Chaves, "Abiding Faith."
 - Agnostic, atheist, faith, etc.
 - *The Story of God* and *The God Delusion*
 - Elaine Howard Ecklund, "Religion and Spirituality Among Scientists."
- Deviance (Ch. 9)
 - Merton's Strain Theory
 - Social Control (Formal vs. Informal Control)
 - Documentary *The Day My God Died*
 - Weitzer "Prostitution: Facts and Fiction."
 - Berger "Social Control."

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