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BRAC UNIVERSITY

Assignment 2

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)

Deadline: 4th January

Assignment: Analyzing the Class System in Society

Objective: This assignment aims to help you understand and analyze the class system in society by conducting interviews with people from three different social classes (upper class, middle class, and lower class). You will also apply Davis-Moore and Karl Marx's theories of stratification to your analysis.

Step 1: Group Formation (same assignment 1 and presentation group)

Each group should select three interviewees: one from the upper class, one from the middle class, and one from the lower class. (Please do more interviews if you find it necessary)

Ensure that the interviewees are comfortable being interviewed and can provide valuable insights about their living standards and quality of life.

Step 2: Develop Interview Questions

Create a list of 10-15 open-ended questions covering topics such as access to education, job opportunities, housing, income, wealth, healthcare, and social mobility.

Ensure that the questions are designed to elicit detailed responses about the interviewees' experiences and perspectives on social stratification.

Step 3: Conduct Interviews

Conduct interviews with your selected interviewees.

Record the interviews with the interviewees' permission, either through note-taking or audio recording.

Transcribe the interviews to capture accurate responses and organize the information by interviewee.

Step 4: Analyze the Interviews Using Theoretical Perspectives

Apply Davis-Moore's theory of stratification:

Discuss the functional importance of different roles and how social stratification serves a purpose in society.

Analyze the relationship between job roles, rewards, and social class.

Apply Karl Marx's theory of stratification:

Examine the class struggle and the relationship between the bourgeoisie (owners) and the proletariat (workers).

Analyze how economic factors and power dynamics contribute to social inequalities and class divisions.

Step 5: Write the Assignment

Structure your assignment as follows:

Title Page: Include the title of your research, names of group members, ID numbers, section number, course name, and instructor's name.

Abstract: Provide a brief summary of the research, including the purpose, methodology, and key findings (200 words).

Introduction: Start with a hook to grab the reader's attention (e.g., a quote, question, startling fact, or personal story). Provide background information about the class system and its significance. State the research objectives and questions (300-400 words).

Literature Review: Summarize theory of Davis-Moore and Karl Marx. Find Four journal articles (two on Davis-Moore, two on Marx). (300-500 words)

Methodology: Describe the research methods used (interviews, transcription, and analysis) (300 words).

Results and Discussion: Present your findings, including detailed descriptions of the interviewees' responses. Compare the living standards and quality of life among the three social classes. Analyze your findings using Davis-Moore and Karl Marx's theories of stratification (700-800 words).

Conclusion: Summarize the main points and discuss the broader implications of your findings for understanding the class system and social stratification (200 words).

References: Include all sources cited in your paper in APA format.

Deadline and Submission:

The submission deadline is 4th January at 11:59 p.m. (Late submissions will be penalized.)

You need to upload your research paper on Turnitin. Only 15 percent similarity including AI is allowed on Turnitin.