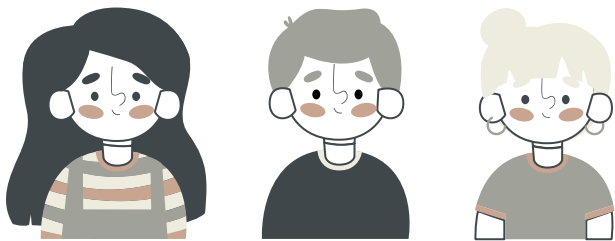# SOC 1101 Discussion Section: Week 2, Disc 1

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About me

- Xuewen (Shelley) Yan

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- Snow literature

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About you

- Tell us your name, major/school, and a fun fact about you.

- Recall the names of the three previous classmates who introduced themselves before you!

Housekeeping

- Safety & health
  - Do **not** come to class if you are sick.
  - Zoom-in option available for illness-related absences.
- Section slot
  - Confirm your selection number through **student center**.
  - Must attend the section you're enrolled in.
- Section slides
  - Available on GitHub before section
  - Slides: https://github.com/XueWenSYan/Sections_SOC1101sp23
- Office hours
  - Mon 12:20 ~ 1:20 pm (Me); Wed 2 ~ 3 pm (Zhonghao);
  - Sign up at soc1101sp23.youcanbook.me
- Email vs Ed Discussion
  - Email me (not Landon!): Section attendance;
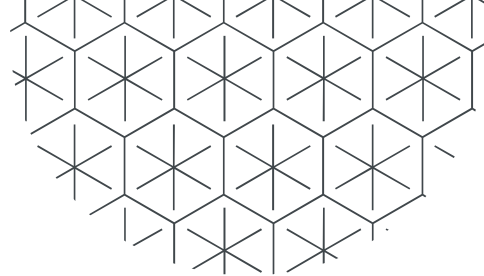 - Ed Discussion: Everything else.

Section grading: 20%

Attendance

- 2 free rides: No need to inform me!
- 3rd or more absences: Points deducted unless you have extraneous circumstances (e.g., athletes, SDS letters).

Participation

- Baseline is higher B+ ~ lower A− for everyone.
- Group activities.
- Lecture/reading reviews.
- Discussions.

Tracking attendance:

https://forms.gle/hRDQRU1ZafTUFFMy9

(Can also access the link from slides:
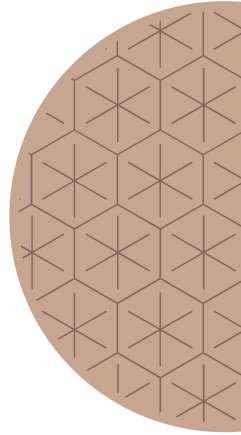https://github.com/XueWenSYan/Sections_SOC1101sp23)

How to succeed in sections?

1. Arrive on time

2. Do the readings beforehand

3. Be attentive in class

4. Active & thoughtful exchanges

 – Ideas & perspectives from lecture & readings?
 – Critical vs humble
 – Sharing personal experiences/observations

5. Respectful listening

Section organizations

- Guided activity (concept overview, methods for reading/writing etc.)

- Group discussion

- Whole-class discussion

Reading Qs & thoughts?

Edward Hanin, Needlepoint

Group activity

Material: WHO world's suicide rates data
https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/death-rate-from-suicides
Go to Google docs for collaboration

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