Your assignment is to view the documentary Food, Inc. and come to talk to one of us about it. The extended office hours are posted on Blackboard under Announcement. The following are questions to consider when viewing the film.

1. In class, we will discuss the structure of our economy. It is monopoly capitalism, an economy dominated by large corporations and shared monopolies. Is the food industry as depicted in the film an example of monopoly capitalism?
2. How does the film depict the relationship between the food industry and our political representatives?
3. How does the film depict the capture of the legal system by the large corporations that dominate the industry? Be sure to note Monsanto and GMOs.
4. How does concentration of ownership shape the production process? What is Fordism and why is it relevant in the food industry?
5. Why is corn central to the food production process in the U.S.? And what is a subsidy?
6. How does the film depict the capture of government regulatory agencies by the food industry?
7. Who works in the meat processing industry? How are they recruited and how are they treated?
8. According to the film, do the poor have a real choice between healthy and unhealthy food.