I. Human Agency

1. Sociological perspective
2. human beings are social by nature
3. human beings are socially determined
4. human beings can create, sustain and change society and its institutions: human agency
5. Human Agency as Collective Action
6. people have the power to actively shape the world
7. collective action
8. progressive social change/ progressive social movements

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LU8DDYz68kM>

1. Historically: Progressive Social Movements

Civil Rights Movement Anti-Vietnam War Movement

Free Speech Movement Environmental Movement

Consumer Safety Movement American Indian Movement

United Farm Workers Welfare Rights Movement

Gay Rights Movement Feminist Movement

Occupational Safety and Health Students for a Democratic Society

1. Successes of social movements

1. civil rights movement

a. enfranchisement of Black Americans in the South

b. elimination of *de jure* segregation

2. women’s rights movement

a. enfranchisement of women

b. expansion of opportunities: education, work, sports

c. expansion of legal rights

d. redefinition of social roles

3. consumer protection

4. rights for farm workers

5. occupational safety and health regulations in workplace

6. environmental movement

a. Clean Air Act

b. Clean Water Act

c. Endangered Species Act

d. Toxic Substances Act

e. Environmental Protection Agency

7. end unjust war

1. Labor Movement

1. labor conditions (early industrial U.S.) “it is what it is”

1. long hours, six days
2. no overtime, no minimum wage
3. no disability
4. unsafe (1914-35,000 workers killed, 700,000 injured)
5. no collective bargaining
6. “shape up”

2.power

a.capitalists owned everything

b.control political system

c.legal system

boycott = “criminal conspiracy”

disability = “taking”

d. police and military

3. strategy/tactics

a.sit down strikes

b.walk out strikes

c.picketing, boycotts

d.general strike

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4.successes

a. wage and hour laws

b. work place health and safety regulations

c. unemployment insurance

d. social security

e. collective bargaining

f. National Labor Relations Board

1. “Waking the People”

1. severe social strain

a. social change/event: “pressures that force eruptions”

b. event undermines normal functioning of institutions: “ breakdown in regulatory capacity”

c. Depression, economic transformation, war

2. social dislocation

a. breakdown in routinization

b. large number of individuals no longer able to “walk through the day.”

c. disruptions in 1930s-1960s

3. transformation of consciousness (cognitive liberation)

a. crisis reveals injustice of system: the normal, the routine is violence

b. end of fatalism

c. possibility of change

4. breakdown in elite control

a. harmony within elite is disrupted

b. elite temporarily unable to function

5. people become defiant engage in protests (riots, strikes, boycotts, sit ins)

H. Taming the “the People”

1. Ideological control
2. education
3. media
4. conventional wisdoms
5. scapegoating
6. dehumanizing
7. Force/Violence
8. militarization of police

<https://www.google.com/search?q=militarization+of+police&biw=1920&bih=978&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=fVBeVJm3HIbxoATilYCADQ&sqi=2&ved=0CDoQsAQ#facrc=_&imgdii=_&imgrc=oJd58cQHyzDXUM%253A%3Bz4NlV-vTVEwUSM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.occasionalplanet.org%252Fwp-content%252Fuploads%252F2014%252F08%252Fmilitary-police-gear.jpg%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.occasionalplanet.org%252F2014%252F08%252F12%252Ffenton-mo-in-context-the-militarization-of-the-police%252F%3B620%3B435>

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1. “homeland security”

3. COINTELPRO

a. infiltrate and disrupt (social movements/collective action)

b. dirty tricks

c. legal harassment (MLK = enemy agent)

d.. violence – FBI funded KKK, 2 prominent Black Panther members murdered.

1. Reversing progressive social change: labor