**SC1101E**

**Semester 1 AY 2014-15**

**Tutorial 4 (EVEN WK Oct20-24; ODD WK Oct27-31)**

**(Note: Wed Oct22 in Week 10 is a public holiday. The tutors for those DGs affected will be arranging “make-up” classes. Stay tuned.)**

**General Discussion**

**Some tutors may use a different set of questions and/or activities here.**

1. A Focus on the Family workshop for schools has come under some scrutiny recently. The point of contention is that the workshop perpetuates gender stereotypes when dispensing advice on handling boy-girl/man-woman relationship. Is a “gender-blind” approach to handling gender relations possible?
2. Is “rich and poor” conceptually equivalent to “bourgeoisie and proletariat”?

**Group Discussion**

**Your tutor may divide the DG into 4 or 5 groups. Each group may be assigned one or two of the following questions:**

1. How does a sociological understanding of the relationship between the concepts of sex, gender, and sexuality differ from that of “common-sense”?
2. Critically evaluate the three dominant streams of feminism (Brym and Lie, pp 340-341). Which provides a more adequate explanation for the subordination of women?
3. How do the different forms of stratification (class, race, gender, age) intersect? Discuss, with reference to a society you are familiar with.
4. Is there such a thing as “functional importance”? Can it explain the presence and persistence of stratification in society?
5. Is inequality inevitable?

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