

“Topic Statement Paper”

Instructions

(Assignment due June 26th)

What is your research topic going to be for your “research proposal” project? You need to decide on two or three topics that are your top picks. These topics should interest you, deal with some important or interesting social issues, and can be feasibly studied by YOU; given your time, institutional and resource restraints.

Identify one or two research topics. We will provide feedback about the feasibility and appropriateness of your topics. We will also help find ways to make topics “sociological”. While we will make comments on your topics we will not “pick” one for you and you do not need to pick the one that we seem to “prefer”.

For this Assignment:

1. Provide one or two (one is just fine) statements about a topic that interest you, is feasible and sociological. Please be as specific as possible when discussing your research topic. I am interested in Social Movements is vague and not a research topic. I am interested in how Social movements produce collective identities...is a research topic (though not a research question).
2. For your topic give us some background information and familiarize the reader with the issue. The paragraph should elaborate on the topic, providing details as to what – exactly – you might study. For instance what do you mean by a social movement or collective identities. What do social movements do and how do you find them? You will also need to discuss why this topic is important/sociological. Obviously poverty is an important issue in the world, but why specifically is it necessary to study.
3. This assignment should follow the paper guidelines established in the syllabus. While we will not be grading for grammar you must copy-edit papers before turning them in.