

SYG 1000 Extra Credit Project

You are a sociologist on the Presidential Social Policy Board. Your job is to advise the President on matters of social policy. The President asks you to design policies that address the following issues. Use sociological research and the sociological imagination to address the following issues and come up with some advice for the President.

- * The decriminalization of “victimless” crimes such as prostitution, gambling and recreational drug use.
- * Programs to be enhanced for dealing with crime.
- * Programs to be eliminated for dealing with crime.
- * Proliferation of poverty in third world countries
- * Proliferation of disease in third world countries
- * Proliferation of violence in third world countries
- * Existence of fourth world enclaves in the United States
- * Affirmative Action
- * Sexual inequality
- * Aging population
- * Unemployment
- * Corporate influence on politics
- * Military Industrial Complex
- * Divorce
- * Domestic Abuse
- * Gay Marriage
- * Improving Education
- * Separation of Church and State
- * Rising Health Costs
- * Abortion
- * Stem Cell Research
- * AIDs
- * Environmental Degradation

Remember, the President does not want opinions that are not supported by facts, nor does she want policy advice that’s not based on sound theory. This is a sociological assignment, not an editorial presentation.