

Blog Requirements

Blog requirements follow the norms and values associated with most blogs, in that they are to be a relatively free flowing expression of ideas. However, since this is a sociology course, the blogs are expected to be sociologically relevant.

Sociology blogs will do at least one of the following:

1. Present social facts to support the thesis of the blog. Andoscia's Rule: Every position taken must be supported by at least three social facts.
2. Use the sociological imagination to present a different/innovative perspective on a social issue.
 - a. Example: Presenting a perspective on crime from the point of view of the criminal
 - b. Suggested Reading: Robert Merton
3. Explain how the issue being addressed is the product or influence of one or more of the following:
 - a. Social Stability or Instability
 - i. Culture
 - ii. Norms/Values
 - iii. Social Change
 - iv. Social Integration
 - b. Social Conflict
 - i. Power arrangements
 - ii. Inequality and Stratification
 - c. Interaction
 - i. Rational Choice
 - ii. Symbolic value
 - iii. Social Constructs
 - iv. The lived experience

Blogs that do not satisfy the above requirements will not be assigned points.

At the end of the semester, blogs that elicited the most comments will earn extra credit, so frame your blogs well!

For ideas check out The Mad Sociologist Blog at www.madsociologist.net.