Sociology 211
Fall 2006
Introduction to Sociology
Monday lecture at noon in PSYCH 105
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The following books can be purchased from the Reed College Bookstore:

Max Weber, The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Capitalism
Michael Burawoy, Manufacturing Consent
Robert Dahl, Who Governs?

These and other course readings have been placed on reserve at the library. For supplementary reading throughout the semester, see Rodney Stark, Sociology (HM51 .S89625 1994). Please consult the sociology department website for links to on-line syllabi for Soc 211 as well as other departmental offerings: http://academic.reed.edu/sociology/

Please note that most journal articles are available through JSTOR. This web-based journal article archive is available at any networked computer on campus (http://www.jstor.org/). JSTOR can also be located using the Reed College Library web page. Note that only one or two paper copies of electronically available "JSTOR" articles have been placed on reserve. Using JSTOR means you don’t have to wait for reserve articles to be returned, and wastes less paper.

Readings and written assignments: This is a lecture and discussion based course. The class will challenge you to reexamine classical questions (e.g., what caused the industrial revolution, why did industrialization create new kinds of racism, sexism) in order to push you to clearly articulate sociological efforts to test alternative theories empirically. The readings are demanding and require intensive examination of a broad variety of issues and methods. You are likely to encounter strong opinions and it is inevitable that at least some of these opinions will make you or your colleagues uncomfortable. You will be expected to strike a healthy balance in conference between arguing your own position on these issues, listening to others, and helping the class as a collectivity to explore how the sociologists you read defend their approaches. Each member of the class is expected to abide by the Reed Honor principle, according to which you must both take responsibility on yourself to think about how your actions and words affect others, and share responsibility with your peers for enabling the class as a whole to achieve its highest intellectual aims without alienating, marginalizing or humiliating anyone. Your regular attendance at the lectures and active participation in conference are necessary for the class to work. Themes and approaches will shift considerably from one week to the next, and in-class discussions will be necessary for you and your colleagues to demonstrate to each other how they fit together. Written work will include a mid-term exam, occasional computer labs and a final exam. We will expect written work to be submitted on time.
Reading Assignments

Week 1  Thinking sociologically

8/28 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

8/30 Introduction to Marxist and Durkheimian Understandings of Sociology


Charles Warriner, "Groups Are Real" (reserve folder) OR on line (go to library webpage, find "More Picks," choose JSTOR, search JSTOR for Charles Warriner, "Groups Are Real," American Sociological Review)

Week 2 The Foundations of Modernization

9/4 LABOR DAY

9/6 Selections from the following readings:
David Landes, "The Industrial Revolution in Britain" (reserve folder)


Robert Heilbroner, "The Industrial Revolution" (reserve folder) OR chapter 4 "Industrial Revolution" in Heilbroner, The Making of Economic Society (HC51 .H44)

Friedrich Engels, The Condition of the Working-Class in England (selections in reserve folder)


Week 3 Marx: The Study of Industrial Capitalism
9/11 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

9/13
Michael Burawoy, Manufacturing Consent, Preface & chapters 2-5 (HD6955 .B85)

9/15
Michael Burawoy, Manufacturing Consent, chapters 6-7, 11-12 (HD6955 .B85)

Week 4 Weber: Power, Domination, and Rationalized Authority

9/18 Lecture (PSYCH 105)
Max Weber, The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism,

3rd Roxbury edition:

Other editions:

9/20

9/22
Robert Anderson, "From Mafia to Cosa Nostra," American Journal of Sociology (JSTOR)

Lauren Edelman, "Legal Environments and Organizational Governance," American Journal of Sociology (via JSTOR)

Week 5 Social Stratification

9/25 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

9/27
Michael Piore, "The Dual Labor Market" (reserve folder)

Melvin Tumin, "Some Principles of Stratification," American Sociological Review (Click on link to JSTOR)
9/29
William J. Wilson, *The Declining Significance of Race*, chapters 1, 3 & 5 (E185 .W73 1980)

**Week 6  Durkheim and the Study of Social Solidarity**

10/2 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

10/4
Emile Durkheim, *Suicide*, excerpts as follows: "Book 2," chapter 4, pp. 217-228; chapter 5, 241-258 (HV6545 .D813 1951a)

10/6
Emile Durkheim, *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, excerpts as follows: "Book 2," chapter 1, sec. 1 (first 3 pages only); chapter 1, sec. 2, 3; chapter 7, sec. 1, 2, 3 (pp.100-103, 111-126, 207-225 in 1995 edition, GN470 .D813 1995)


**Week 7  Symbolic Interactionism**

10/9 Lecture (PSYCH 105)


10/11

**Take-Home Exam distributed in class on Wednesday, October 11**

10/14
**Take-Home Exam due by 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 13**

**Week 8  FALL BREAK**

**Week 9  Empirical social science**
10/23 Lecture (Psych 105)
No reading

10/25 Computer Lab (ETC 205)
Browse the codebook for the General Social Survey (GSS) 1972-2000 Cumulative Datafile (Click here to start)

10/27 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

Week 10 Empirical social science

Variables and typologies

10/30 Lecture (PSYCH 105)
Key resources for the next two weeks:

Required: Ivy Lee and Minako Maykovich, "Organizing and Describing Nominal and Ordinal Bivariate Data." chapter 4 in Statistics, A Tool for Understanding Society (reserve folder)

READ ONE of the following:

Frederick Gravetter and Larry Wallnau, "Correlation and Regression." chapter 16 in Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences (reserve)


11/1 Computer Lab (ETC 205)

Review Monday's reading

11/3 Computer Lab (ETC 205)
No reading

Week 11 Empirical social science

Controlling the effects of extraneous variables

11/6 Lecture (PSYCH 105)
No reading

11/8 Computer Lab (ETC 205)
No reading

11/10 Computer Lab (ETC 205)
No reading

Week 12 Institutionalization and the Construction of Order
11/13 Lecture (PSYCH 105)
Peter Berger and Thomas Luckmann, *The Social Construction of Reality*, chapter II section 1, pp. 47-92 (BD175 .B4)

11/15


11/17

**Week 13  Deviance**

11/20 Lecture (PSYCH 105)
William Tudor “The Social Construction of Modern Intelligence: An Exploration of Gender-Differentiated Boundaries” (reserve folder)

11/22
TBA

11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday

**Week 14  Political Sociology**

11/27 Lecture (PSYCH 105)

11/29
Robert Dahl, *Who Governs?* pp. 115-140; 163-165; 184-189; 305-310 (JS 1195.2 .D2 on reserve)

12/1
Michael Lipsky, "Protest as a Political Resource," *American Political Science Review* (accessible through JSTOR)

**Week 15  Social Movements and Change**

12/4 Lecture (PSYCH 105)
12/6 LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Recommended reading for Weeks 14-15:


Final exam due Monday, DECEMBER 11

*Reed College policy: No work for fall courses may be submitted after DECEMBER 15*