

Introduction to Sociology (SS 2700)

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The Red Pill



Just the way things are?

- Sociological thinkers have taken the red pill and see the world as a kind of social matrix
- Think deeply about the social world.
 - ☐ How and why are things the way they are?
 - ☐ Are things really as they seem?
 - ☐ How might they be different?
- Giving you the choice

What do I mean by thinking sociologically?

Bastard

Shit

Damn

Fuck

Bitch

ASS

Expectations

- Stay open-minded and think critically
- Participate!
- Be creative and share your ideas
- Effectively communicate with others and be respectful

Assignments

- Discussions/Activities (n=8), 25%
- Quizzes (n=?), 15%
- Final Paper, 25%
- Participation, 5% plus

Suicide in the Copper Country

- Introducing Brian Rendel, Copper Country Mental Health
- Group Project, 30%
 - ☐ Group Product
 - ☐ Presentation
 - ☐ Individual reflection paper

Introductions

- My story
- Partner Up
 - ☐ Name/Year/Major
 - ☐ Why are you taking this course? What is your initial impression of the course?
- Learning Names:
 - ☐ Name, where from, and something unique

For Thursday...

- Review course website on Canvas
- Carefully read syllabus and post any questions to discussion on Canvas
- Read *Our Social World*, Chapt. 1
- Read Mills' *The Sociological Imagination*
- Post Discussion 1 on Canvas
- Be prepared to participate in class discussion Thursday!
- QUESTIONS?