

Sample Assignment from Introduction to Sociology

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Photo Journal Assignment

General Information

For each chapter/topic we cover you are required to take one photograph that represents the topic. *Your photos should depict things you see in your everyday life, but should also illustrate a concept or concepts discussed in the text and lectures.*

Some topics may be more difficult capture in a photo. You may use photos taken by someone else three times during the semester. Make sure they are actual photographs, not illustrations, paintings or cartoons. If you use more than three photographs taken by someone else you will lose points on the assignments.

Photo journals are graded on a 10 point scale.

If you are having trouble finding something to photograph you might want to take a look at these visual sociology sites for some inspiration: [visual sociology.org](http://visualsociology.org), <http://sociologicalimagination.org/archives/category/visual-sociology>, and <http://www.racheltanurmemoialprize.org/>.

Topic: Social Control and Deviance (Chapter 5)

Your photo might reflect one or more of the following concepts: social deviance, formal and informal sanctions, strain theory, stigma, crime, total institutions. However, you don't have to limit yourself to these concepts. You can choose to focus on any sociological concept mentioned in the chapter or lectures.

Requirements

1. (3 pts) Take one photograph that depicts themes or contexts discussed in the chapter.
 - Remember, your photo should depict things you see in your everyday life.
 - Your photo should also illustrate a concept or concepts discussed in the text.
2. Write a 300-500 word journal entry that discusses your photo and the relevant concepts or themes from the chapter. Your entry should also demonstrate your use of the "sociological imagination."
 - (3 pts) Briefly introduce and define the sociological concept that relates to your photo.
 - (3 pts) Discuss how the photo relates to the sociological concept.
3. (1 pt) Make sure to proof read your journal entry for proper grammar and spelling.

Format

- Embed the photo in a text document
- Upload the file as a Word document, pdf or powerpoint file.
- Use a readable font such as Times, Garamond, or Helvetica.
- Be sure to turn on spell check and grammar check and correct any errors.