

SOCI300

RESEARCH ESSAY - Part A - Topics List

The following is a list of possible topic questions for your research essay. Confirm with your professor which you will use, or modify one of these, or suggest another altogether (but ensure you have permission to proceed before you do).

1. What is and should be the role of politicians in socializing people regarding political choices?
2. What are the causes and consequences of increasing street crimes in our society?
3. Compare and contrast life in rural areas and life in a metropolitan city in Canada.
4. How does gender and its importance as a source of social meaning and power in contemporary Canadian society impact the lives of men and women?
5. To what extent can the foundational ideas on class still be said to be relevant to understanding social stratification and divisions in contemporary society?
6. To what extent have the processes of urbanization and globalization resulted in a transformation of modern Canadian society?
7. Why does poverty affect certain minority groups more than others and what should be done to help the poor?
8. How does language reinforce cultural divisions?
9. Does television serve to make children significantly more violent in their behaviour?
10. Is capital punishment justified?
11. Attitudes toward drinking and drunkenness tend to differ from attitudes toward use and abuse of other drugs. How and why has this differing attitude emerged in Canada?
12. Will crime be reduced by punishing or by rehabilitating criminals?
13. How does homelessness intersect with other social problems?
14. How do racism and discrimination affect the quality of life for minority groups?