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Intro to Sociology

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Sociology Reflection

As a lost student trying to find any available class, I decided on taking introduction to sociology. It was a random last minute decision that has impacted my life in an inspiring way. Never before had I taken into account the detail of how social groups function and how society as a whole worked. Learning about the hav's and have nots assisted me in developing a different type of mind set. A mind set of being able to create change and viewing opportunity by those who I'm connected with. Sociology has assisted me in work, school, and life in general.

Working with others on a daily basis can have a large affect on the way you tend to think. As I have viewed my coworkers from a sociological perspective. I have been able to categorize each individual to a certain type of sociological theory. The Marxist, Durkheim's and the countless others in the society, in which I am associated, represent an influence in some way to my own life. Before taking Intro to Sociology I was somewhat ignorant to the fact that people's backgrounds highly influence how they turn out to be. It is easy to look over our own lives and say that all others had the same amount of opportunity or more, yet this is not true in all cases.

Opportunity is largely based on the social structure of society. The hav's tend to overlook the things that do not directly affect them. In many ways I would commonly see a representation of this at work. At my current job I had began to establish a friendship with coworkers that were in higher positions. By doing this I began to notice that many of those who worked in the office tended to be greedy and commonly nagged about their financial situations even though they were

far better off than many others that I worked with. I saw this behavior and began to view the structure of my employment as a ladder, a ladder that only gives opportunity to those who have connections. As a result of taking intro to sociology I began to wonder how I could change the course of my life and ultimately help others to realize the screwed up system of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. After listening to many lectures by Dwight L. Adams, I have chosen to take on a cause and try to change the course in which it is going.

One cause that I have had on my mind ever since I was a young boy has been Illegal immigration. I will take you back in through the book of my life and share moments that have struck me dearly. Holding on to my mother as a judge brought me and my brother in to have a glance at us; my mind was in a blur and constantly trying to understand the situation in which my mother was in. It was the day that my mother was going to either get her pass to a start at the Great American Dream or another barrier that would have never allowed her to become a contributing member of this society. The story ends with my mother getting her residency. I look back on this event and wonder. What if she would have been refused and deported? Where would we be at this point in life? It was a life changing event yet I never had understood the complexity of the whole situation. Dwight L. Adams has brought back hope that one day I could help change the way society outcast certain groups. I am thankful for that.

Sociology is indeed the most intriguing course I have ever taken. This is mainly credited to the professor which helped me believe in myself. I thank you Mr. Adams for being so enthusiastic and making education fun as well as showing techniques which have assisted me in the course of college. I have learned how to be more effective in many ways. I learned not only the essentials of sociology but the meaning of leaving my story for others to tell even after I'm gone. No other professor has made me think and imagine as much about lives wonders as Mr.

Adams. The beauty of it is that I will still be reflecting upon the lessons and being thankful for the great influence that this course has had on me and many others.