

E. SOC 136: INTERVIEW AN ACTIVIST

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Course: Soc 136: Social Movements (summer, online)

Project: Research Paper

Description: This course on social movements will focus on getting a general understanding of social movements and sociological understandings of mobilizations around several issues, such as class, race, gender, legal status, and the environment. In order to gain a more in-depth understanding of the individual and communal motivations for these mobilizations, you will be required to do a research paper. The final product requires that you do smaller homework assignments throughout the course to complete the final research paper.

Learning Objectives:

Course Learning Outcome (CLO) 6: Conduct an interview to investigate a particular case of mobilization around an issue

Course Learning Outcome (CLO) 7: Select a sociological theory of social change to analyze and make sense of the interview conducted

Homework Assignments:

You have to submit a homework assignment each week that will help you complete the final research paper by the end of the class. Here are the homework assignments you have to complete.

Homework Assignment #1 (due at the end of week 1): Find a person and request an

interview for week 3 (30 points): submit a paragraph at the end of the first week 1 describing who you plan to interview and the group they were or are involved. You must (a) list the full name, e-mail contact, and phone number of the person you plan to interview, (b) list and describe the organization/group/activism they were or are currently involved with, which must somehow seek to create societal change, (c) why this is an interesting person to interview, and (d) schedule an interview to take place during the third week of classes.

Homework Assignment #2 (due at the end of week 2): Literature Review (50 points):

submit a list of at least 10 academic references during the second week, which include scholarly journal articles or books that address the social change the person from homework #1 is trying to address through their activism/work. These references must be formatted using American Sociological Association (ASA) reference style.

For a reference to ASA formatting guidelines, visit:

https://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/savvy/documents/teaching/pdfs/Quick_Tips_for_ASA_Style.pdf

Homework Assignment #3 (due at the end of week 3): Conduct interview (30 points): conduct the interview with the person listed on Homework #1. The interview should follow the interview guide (see handout on canvas), should be between 30-60 minutes, and it should be digitally recorded (preferably via zoom so it is closed captioned automatically when saved to the cloud). In order to get credit for this assignment, (a) submit the digital recording of the interview on Canvas, and (b) submit the interview notes taken right after the interview is completed (see handout on canvas).

Homework Assignment #4 (due at the end of week 4): Transcribe interview (60 points): hear the interview one more time (and if conducted in Zoom, review the transcription). You need to submit a fully and complexly transcription of the recorded interview from the previous homework assignment and submit the transcription on Canvas. This means that you need to type word-by-word the answers to all of the interview questions. You must submit the transcription as a word or text file on canvas.

Homework Assignment #5 (due at the end of week 5): Submit Paper Draft to SmartThinking (100 points): Submit the draft of your final paper to SmartThinking tutoring services for feedback. The draft should already have all the sections of the paper clearly outlined and at least a paragraph per section that highlights what you plan to cover in each section (in case you are not able to complete it). The sections for the final paper include: (1) Introduction, (2) Literature Review (based on the HW#2 literature review), (3) Methods (based on the HW#3 interviewee), (4) Findings (based on the HW#4 interview data), (5) Conclusion, and (6) Works Cited (using American Sociological Association (ASA) style guidelines). The draft should be no less than 4-double-spaced pages in length.

Homework Assignment #6 (due at the end of week 6): Final Research Paper (200 points): You need to submit the final research paper on the last day of the course. The paper (no more than 10 pages) should be formatted using ASA formatting guidelines and include: (1) a cover page, (2) an abstract, (3) the body of the paper should include (a) Introduction (about 1 page), (b) Literature Review (about 1 page), (c) Methods (about 1 page), (d) Findings (about 3 pages), and (e) Conclusion (about 1 page), and (f) Works Cited (using American Sociological Association (ASA) style guidelines).