

Entry one: Race, Ethnicity and Racism, *Green Book* movie

Brief Summary. Race and racism can be easily found in the movie, *Green Book*. The movie background is set in 1962. It mainly describes a white person from an Italian family, who is seeking a job and finally, he is hired by a black musician. Then they start a concert tour through the Midwest to the deep south. During the tour, they meet different kinds of racism, discrimination, segregation, and some conflicts are occurred between them, the black man and the white man.

Analysis. There are some scenes that introduce to us race, ethnicity, and racism. Race is a group of people in the social category with a rooted and fundamental difference from other groups (Giddens et al. 2021). For example: white, black, Asian, etc. Race is different from ethnicity because ethnicity is the emphasis of the culture and social norms distinguishing from other groups (Giddens et al. 2021). For instance: Chinese and Korean, look like the same, but they do not have the same cultures. For example, some white people treat black or Asian people. One famous scene that shows race and racism is when two black plumbers repair the white man's plumbing system, the housewife of this white man passes two cups of water to the black workers for appreciation. The white man throws the two cups into the trash can while the two black plumbers left with disliking facial expressions. This scene portrays racism. Racism is when one race's people always think the other races are inferiority (Giddens et al. 2021). In this scene, no matter what life condition is, the white man still dislikes and avoids the two black plumbers. Racism not only occurs in the house but it also can be found in the public area in the movie's context, for example, black people's hotels, theaters, schools, and so on. Until the civil rights movement, the government of America improves black people's civil rights and social positions.

However, racism still exists recently. For example, the anti-Asian robbing in the current two years.

Entry two: Stratification, Class and Inequality, *Shameless TV show season 1 episode 8-9*

Brief Summary. This popular TV show, *Shameless*, was released in 2011. The social stratification, structured inequalities, and class can be easily found in the TV show. The TV show portrays a single father with six kids who live on the south side of Chicago and crowd in a small old house. They are struggling to run their lives as normal. They use "special manners" to receive government benefits. In contrast, the rich people live on the north side of Chicago and their houses look like a palace.

Analysis. Throughout the two episodes, there are a few scenes to depict social stratification, structured inequality, and class. Social stratification refers to the inequality between the different groups to receive rewards or other social materials (Giddens et al. 2021). Usually, in modern society, social stratification exists as social class divisions. Class is defined as a group of people who are sorted by their wealth, occupation, income, and education (Giddens et al. 2021). Structured inequality refers to the results of the modes of society's structure (Giddens et al. 2021). There is a scene, Gallagher's family, and her friends are in her house for a party, it is quite a crowd. Steve's (Jimmey) parents' house, as I said previously, looks like a palace. This is an apparent contrast to social stratification. One family is all cardiovascular doctors, and one is with all part-time jobs or jobless. Absolutely, the two families are in different social classes. In another scene, Fiona enrolls a computer basic operation class, but she cannot finish it due to her lack of computer knowledge. Finally, she quits the class and loses one chance to move to the upper class. On the other side, Steve's brother finished medical school and worked in a hospital. There is no doubt his brother as a doctor can make more money than Fiona works as a waitress. Social structured inequalities never stand out lonely. There are too many social

factors that affect those.

Entry Three: Health and Health Inequality, *What is Health Inequity?* web article

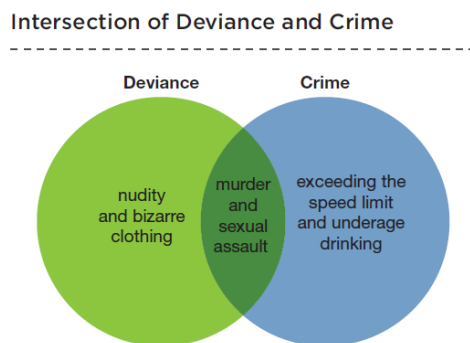
Brief Summary. Throughout the article, health, and especially health inequality concepts are found. The article is written by Leonard, Jayne in 2021. The author introduces the concept of health and health inequity, also some examples are given to us. The impact of inequity is portrayed in the article as well. In the end, Leonard introduces some suggestions for us to keep our bodies healthy.

Analysis. In our society, health condition is an important factor to affects everyone's life quality. Health refers to the status not only without disease or infirmity but also a status of total physical, mental, and social well-being (Giddens et al. 2021). Usually, health issues are caused by diseases. Health inequity impacts people very much. For example, the healthcare coverage, the life expectancy, newborn death, and so on. There are some factors that affect health inequity, such as social stratification, social structure, and global inequality. In America, there are two groups of health inequality: social-based and race-based health inequality (Giddens et al. 2021). In America, social stratification is the main cause of health inequity. People in the lower class have more health problems than the other classes in America. Black, Latin, and native Indian Americans have less healthcare coverage than white people. At the global level, people in developing countries have fewer medical resources than in developed countries. So, we can see that the life expectancy in developed countries is higher than in developing countries, but the newborn death rate in developed countries is lower than in developing countries. After all, social inequality can cause health inequity. It is a comprehensive problem in the world, and it is waiting for all sociologists to solve. Health inequity harms everyone, regardless of background or identity. However, it most severely impacts historically marginalized groups (Leonard. 2021).

Entry Four: Crime and Deviance, *Meet the Flockers* song lyrics

Brief Summary. In the song, *Meet the Flockers*, the fact, and concept of crime, and deviance exists. This song was released in 2014. The song is depicting a procedure to rob Asian residents and details all the steps of robbery, from picking a target to implementing robbing to trade the spoils. This song definitely is a criminal and anti-Asian song. However, Youtube refuses to remove this song and causes more and more anti-Asian crimes.

Analysis. In this song, most of the lyrics are inciting people to fulfill crime and deviance. Crime refers to human activities against or breaking the laws that are made by political authorities (Giddens et al. 2021). Also, deviance is when people's actions do not follow the cultures and values to which most people are conformed in a society (Giddens et al. 2021). According to the FBI, robbery refers to taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. So, it is obvious that robbery or instigating someone to implement robbery is a kind of crime and deviance. All the activities in the song are totally conforming the definition of robbery crime and deviance. The relationship between crime and deviance shows as follows:



Crime and deviance never stand lonely. Those relate to some other social factors, for example, job inequality, racism, education inequality, and so on.

Conclusion.

I believe that the media pieces I picked are correct and related to the class. The Green Book, clearly tells us about the existence of racism in America in the 1960s. From the movie, we can see that racism does not only exist in a personal manner, but also in the public area. For example, the restaurant, hotel, theater, club bar, etc. Even though the civil rights movement has been implemented for almost 60 years, today racism is still in our society. The racism condition is even more serious, especially during the COVID-19 period. In the last two years, anti-Asian crime broke out throughout the United States. There are too many Asian Americans are targeted by racists. Nowadays, racists are still hiding in our beautiful country.

From the TV show Shameless, we can clearly perceive the social stratification, social class, and inequality in America. Because the Gallaghers lack skill and education, they only can make minimum wage in a restaurant or bar, or part-time jobs. Even though the Gallaghers strive to maintain and improve their lives, they are still at the bottom of society. The north side and south side of Chicago are obviously in different social stratification. But in the final season, after their hard work, their lives are improved. They totally moved to an upper social class. It is a great signal that if each individual in the society works hard, they will make dreams come to truth.

After reading the article, what is health inequity, we understand the conception of health and we know the two groups of health inequality in the United States. Also, we can find some reasons that cause health inequality. Finally, we can conclude that health inequity harms everyone, regardless of background or identity. However, it most severely impacts historically marginalized groups (Leonard. 2021).

I believe that crimes occur in every country. However, it is rare like the song, Meet the Flockers, publicly incites people to implement crimes. Lawmakers should consider this situation in the United States and make related laws to limit crime instigation. Also, I will tell the criminals that they criminals will not have good consequences.

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