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SOC145 Social Inequalities

Guidelines for the final paper

- **Page Length:** 5-6 pages, double-spaced, 1" margins, 12 pt in Times New Roman (plus one page for References).
- **NOTE:** Along with the final paper, you will have to submit your evaluation of your group members' volunteerism. You will find the Group Evaluation Form on gauchospace under "Assignment Guidelines". Download it, fill it in **electronically**, print it out, and attach it on your final paper.

In this paper you are asked to report on your volunteerism/activism experience drawing on class material.

Outline your paper as follows, with clearly labeled sections:

I. Introduction (1 page)

- a. Introduce the topic of your interest (use at least two academic sources in your discussion).
 - i. What is this problem?
 - ii. Who suffers from it?
 - iii. How do people resist/challenge it? Here you can refer to social movements and the role of organizations such as the one you serve.
- b. Conclude with a thesis statement that shows how the organization you served addresses this problem.

II. Discussion (4 pages)

- a. Explain what your organization does, why, how, and with what result (in no more than one page):
 - i. What specific issues does it address?
 - ii. With what goals?
 - iii. What tactics/means does it employ?
 - iv. Who are the advocates?
 - v. Which institutions does it target?
- b. Describe in detail **how YOU participated** in this organization (no need to address all these issues; if you have no concerns, for example, you don't have to say anything for point vii):
 - i. Why you chose this organization?
 - ii. How many days and hours per week did you volunteer for?
 - iii. What exactly were you responsible for?
 - iv. What were your relationships with other members?
 - v. What did you learn?
 - vi. What would you do differently?

- vii. Do you have any concerns about your participation in this organization or about the organization itself?
- viii. What are the outcomes of your activism/volunteerism?
- ix. Which problems or angles of one problem have been addressed? Which ones are left unaddressed? (here you can go back to the literature)
- x. What future steps can be taken?

III. Conclusion (½ -1 page)

Summarize what you did in this paper and explain how your activism/volunteerism has contributed towards the elimination of this form of inequality (Use at least one academic source in this section).

IV. Reference or Works Cited (on a separate page)

- a. On separate page, cite the sources used within your paper.
- b. **Required Number of References 3: 1 article from the class readings and 2 from outside academic sources;** you can use additional non-academic sources if you want (i.e. news articles, non-profit organization publications, websites etc.) but these will not count towards the required references.
- c. Use the ASA citation style.
- d. Make sure your references are in alphabetical order.



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