

CSEM presentations 2012

Presentation 2: A culture or group (Roma, Australian Aborigines, “Hyperachievers”) The focus here will be on how the particulars of this particular group affect their social position, socio-economic status (SES) and their relations with outside groups.

Guiding Questions:

Important: These questions overlap some and they not meant to serve as a checklist for your presentation, but simply to give you some ideas of themes you can discuss.

How does your group reveal the relationship between diversity and inequality? (if it does) How are the group's practices or beliefs different from the mainstream of that society? What is the relationship of your group to the "mainstream" group of that society? Where are the tensions and conflicts, and how do they relate to inequality? How are the governing authorities of that country trying to "solve" the problem of inequality, as it relates to your group? How are they attempting to look at the problem of inequality while being sensitive to diversity (if they are)? Do policies of the government lean more toward inequality or diversity?

Don't spend too much time simply describing the group, but get into the above questions quickly and only describe the group as needed to answer those questions.

The presentation will be from 5-8 minutes long, with 3-5 minutes for discussion after.

Powerpoint is allowed.

Groups to choose from:

Roma/Gypsy

Australian Aborigines

“Hyperachievers”

Jews

Native Americans

Appalachians

Amish

Amazonian Indians

Asian-Americans

Homeless

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Immigrant groups

The crisis of “Europe”

International “Development”

Various Subcultures (countercultures, cliques, slackers, hippies, health, vegans, survivalists)

Other (with approval from instructor) _____

Presentation 3: Visit and presentation of a religious group (as it relates to diversity and inequality):

a) Various Christian churches, e.g.

-Catholic

-Mainstream Protestant

-Black Protestant

-Non-denominational

-others

b) The Jehovah's Witnesses

c) Mormon groups

d) Unitarian Universalists

e) Baha'i

f) Other new religious movements

What do you observe in terms of rituals, membership, etc.

What makes the group unique?

Does the membership seem wealthy, poor, or middle class? What diversity within the group do you find? Based on readings on the specific group and your observations, can you make sense of the group along the lines of inequality and diversity?

Presentation 4 (in pairs): Report on how institutions have dealt with the issue of diversity and equality: (1) Nonprofit Social Service agency in the South Bend area, and (2) how the tension is expressed in country social policy, as needed (France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Netherlands, Scandinavian countries, USA, or another country of your choosing)

Possible organizations:

Center for the Homeless

Hope Ministries

St. Margaret's House

Stone Soup Community

Youth Service Bureau

Catholic Worker House

Possibly Dismas House; YWCA; Goodwill; Bridges Out of Poverty