SOC Sample Short Answer

Answer each of the questions below in short-answer format. Write your responses in complete sentences. Your answers to each question should include two to three paragraphs (125-250 words).

Be sure to carefully read each question to ensure that each component is answered with the appropriate depth and detail. Your answers should be free of spelling and grammar errors. When using reference material, you must properly cite your sources using in-text citations. You must also include a reference list. All documentation must be rendered in APA Citation Style (see announcements for details on APA).

• Define and discuss stereotypes and provide a scenario of how they are used in daily life.

A sociological stereotype is a generalization about a group of people that assumes all in the group are alike in a way that fails to account for individual differences. The assumption can be complementary or uncomplimentary to the defined group but is often based on false assumptions. (Henslin, 2007)

Racial-ethnic categories are an example of how stereotypes are used. Asian Americans came to the United States from many different nations (i.e. China, Philippines, India, Vietnam, Korea, Japan), yet they are all lumped into one category. In the 1800's the Chinese immigrated to this country for cheap labor and were faced with discrimination because of their looks and cultural differences. When immigrants from Japan arrived, they experienced "spillover bigotry". They were stereotyped as being sneaky, lazy and
untrustworthy. During World War II when we were in a state of war with Japan, the United States placed all people of Japanese ancestry into "internment camps", thinking they were all potential spies. Of course, this was untrue and resulted in more distrust and prejudice. (Henslin, 2007)

Analysis – Application of daily life

In today's world a stereotype about Asian Americans is that they are all smarter than those of different ancestry. While this is a popular stereotype, it does not necessarily prove true for all Asian Americans.

Another example is how women in the workplace often encounter the "glass ceiling"-which is an invisible barrier that blocks the promotion of women in the work environment because of their gender. Women are often stereotyped as being less capable at leadership than men are. Women are seen as being more competent in "support areas" such as in human resources or public relations.

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