

Applied Sociology Essay #1

SOCI 3392ACE - Social Movements

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(100 points)

The paper will focus on linking the readings to your experiences in community organizations.

1. Describe your organization.
 - a. This should include basic information like the organization's name, location, number of employees, number of volunteers.
 - b. It should also discuss the organization's mission. Why did it form? What community need(s) does it address? Who does it serve? How many people does it serve and in what ways?
 - c. Describe several examples of collective behavior associated with your organization.
2. Select a concept from the readings and class discussion. This and the conclusions are the most important sections.
 - a. Explain the concept.
 - b. Connect the concept to your experience in the organization by explaining how it applies in that specific setting. Or, maybe you will choose to explain how it does not apply.
3. Conclusions should include critical reflections about how the readings help, or do not help, understand collective behavior processes in your organization and in society more generally.
4. Once you have a draft of the paper, please share your paper with your contact person at the organization. Please ask for their comments (brief, written comments, directly on the draft). On the **Tuesday, September 27th** you will submit the final paper through TurnItIn by 12:00 instead of weekly questions. In class you will submit the draft with written feedback from organization.

Papers must be a minimum of 3 pages, double-spaced, 12 point font (not in bold type) 1 inch margins, no title page, with heading (name and class, single spaced) only on first page, citations within text. The paper is due in class on **Tuesday, September 27**. To allow plenty of time for work on your paper, **Thursday, September 22** is a work day. I will be available in my office to help with papers, but there is no class that day.