Our Social World Condensed 4th edition

Learning Objectives

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES – Chapter 1**

* 1. Explain the sociological perspective.

**Video Link:** [Three Founding Sociological Theories](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=paA61KfOcEc)

*A brief introduction to the three most classic sociological theories: Conflict Theory, Structural Functionalism, and Symbolic Interactionism.*

1. Explain what each theories’ main concept deals with regarding societal structure.
2. Provide an example of a *shared meaning*.

**Audio Link:** [Examining Social Groups](http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/389/Frenemies)

*Stories about the interactions of different relationships between people.*

1. How is a family relationship different than a relationship with a friend?
2. Why are friendships important?

**Web Resource:** [The Three Main Sociological Perspectives](https://laulima.hawaii.edu/access/content/user/kfrench/sociology/the%20three%20main%20sociological%20perspectives.pdf)

*This document provides an in-depth description of the origin of the three main sociological perspectives.*

1. Who are the three theorists who developed each of the three main sociological perspectives?
2. What is the difference between manifest and latent functions?
   1. Describe the benefits of studying sociology.

**Video Link:** [Why Is Sociology Important? - Applications in Public Policy, Social Change & Personal Growth](http://study.com/academy/lesson/why-is-sociology-important-applications-in-public-policy-social-change-personal-growth.html)

*This video discusses the real world applications of sociology.*

1. What is public policy as related to sociology?
2. Provide an example of social change occurring within the past 100 years.

**Audio Link:** [Three Miles](http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/550/three-miles)

*This audio highlights the difference in schooling between a public school and a private school located three miles apart from each other.*

1. What were the impressions of the students who visited the private school as they did so?
2. How did the visit to the private school affect the students in their post-high school years?

**Web Resource:** [Importance of Sociology](http://www.sociologyguide.com/introduction-to-sociology/importance-of-sociology.php)

*This document provides many of the different, important real world applications of sociology.*

1. Provide three real world applications of the importance of sociology.
2. Has society always been study as a science?

1.3 Summarize the social world model.

**Video Link:** [Social Model Animation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9s3NZaLhcc4)

*This video helps to depict the social model as it relates to disabled people.*

1. Are fully functional people the norm throughout society?
2. Do the people who fit the norm in society understand how others feel?

**Audio Link:** [Human Spectacle](http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/529/human-spectacle)

*This audio highlights the ability to utilize humans as subjects of studies.*

1. How influential is television on human perspective?
2. Do you think studying humans outside of the lab is better than studying them inside the lab?

**Web Resource:** [Understanding Society-Mental models for the social world](http://understandingsociety.blogspot.com/2010/05/mental-models-for-social-world.html)

*This document describes how we mentally process the world around us.*

1. How does Kant explain our ability to make sense of the contents of consciousness?
2. Provide two examples of the social “things” around which we organize our social perceptions.