Twitter Topics Guidelines

Collecting your Tweets

- Create an account/edit your existing account for this assignment
    - NOTE: I would urge you to use your real name or some variation thereof (for example, my Twitter account for school related tweets is @drgusrang), but I will not require it. If you do not want to use your real name, you may use a pseudonym, but please choose a respectable pseudonym that will allow you to make legitimate connections with others on Twitter (i.e., @HotStuff2000) is not likely to be taken very seriously).

- Select a topic for your project. Topics may be anything related to sociological study of family. **I will be asking about your topics in class on XXXX. Be prepared.**

- Start to follow people and groups/organizations that tweet about your topic.

- Collect at least 25 tweets pertaining to your topic.
    - Tweets must contain **links to information** (i.e., news stories, videos, blog posts)
        - Tweets must contain new information. In other words, you cannot have more than one tweet to the same link.
        - At least **10 tweets should be to links that you've personally found** (not retweets).
    - I suggest you to collect as many tweets as possible, and once you've gotten a good number, then decide which to include in your assignment.
    - When tweeting, if you'd like to share information with the class, use the **#ccpsoc212**.

- Use Storify (http://storify.com/) to assemble your tweet collection. (I will demonstrate this in class. This link can also help: http://clairediazortiz.com/how-to-use-storify/)
    - Make sure to save the link! (You can tweet it.)

Writing your Paper
Your paper should address the following questions. Please note that details regarding format will be posted on Canvas.

- Summary
    - Introduce your topic. Why did you select this topic? Briefly, how does this topic relate to class?
    - **MUST INCLUDE LINK TO STORIFY. Papers w/out a Storify link will not be graded.**

- Tweet breakdown
    - State the number of tweets you included
    - Briefly discuss how you selected the final tweets for your project.

- o Identify the types of tweeters (i.e., yourself, individual, organization) you used to collect your tweets. Which was most valuable? Why?
- o Identify the types of links (i.e., news stories, videos, blog entries) you found most valuable? Why?

- Sociological analysis
    - o In more detail, discuss the ways in which your tweets relate to class and our understanding of sociology of the family. How did your tweets support what you've already learned this semester? What, if anything did you specifically learn from your tweets?
    - o Discuss the ways in which you see current/popular news as beneficial to understanding the sociological perspective.
    - o Consider the tweeters you included, and discuss how social networks, like Twitter, change the way we gather information. What are some of the pros and cons of getting information this way?

- Reflection
    - o What have you learned from this exercise? About yourself? About social media? About sociology?
    - o How did it feel to take part in the dissemination of knowledge?
    - o Did you make any connections with other people through your tweeting? Why or why not?