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Infusing the sociological Perspective and the Sociological Imagination in Every Topic

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- A. **SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE**: Framework for understanding social structure and social forces as basis of human behavior, social conditions and social expectations.

- B. **SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION**: Framework for solving problems
 - Recognizing personal experiences as part of larger social conditions
 - Structural solutions
 - Structural change

Suggestion for what we may do:

A. Teach the two perspectives early in the semester

B. Early discussion of social structures and social forces

Macro, Meso, Micro, Idio

C. Refresh memory on the concepts at the beginning of each new topic

D. Point out the sociological perspective some early topics

Eg. 1. The sociological perspective in the works of August Comte, Herbert Spencer, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, etc.

- 2 Show the sociological perspective and imagination in the theoretical paradigms: Functional, Conflict and interactionism
- 3 Socialization Theories—Looking-Glass self, Social Self, Dramaturgy and Social Scripts, etc
- 4 Culture—General norms, specialty norms, values, mores, language, etc
- 5 Groups and organization—impact of group structure on individual and collective behavior

E. ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS: Other suggestions....