



Sociology

A Sociological Lens

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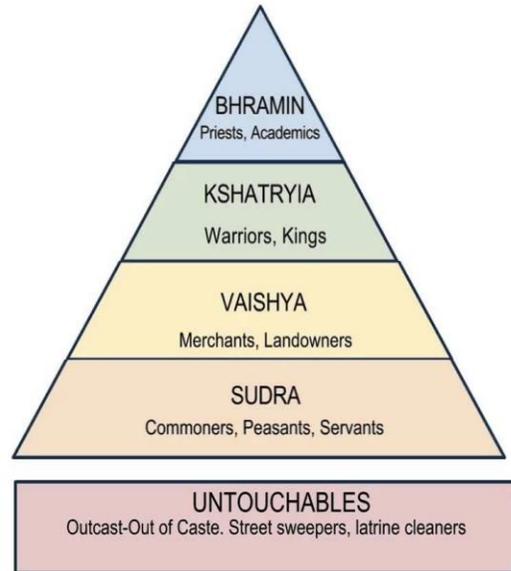
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Directions: Use the information from the previous lessons on the Sociological Perspectives to examine the applications in regards to the Ancient Indian Caste System, modern Afghani women, and indigenous people of Central America.

Directions: The chart to the right reflects the Hindu Caste system of India. Answer the series of questions below dealing with the sociological perspective.

- The Social Structure to the right is believed to be roughly 3,000 years or more old. What similarities do you see, in terms of rank, between ancient Indian and modern American society? What difference?

Similarities	Differences
1.	1.
2.	2.



- How would a Functional Sociologists view a formal social structure like the Indian Caste System? Explain your answer making specific references to the Caste System and the ideas of the Functional Perspective.
- How would a Conflict Sociologist view a formal social structure like the Indian Caste System? Explain your answer making specific references to the Caste System and the ideas of the Conflict Perspective.
- Argue the value of a formal structure from a Functional perspective or the Conflict Perspective.

Directions: The following series of questions connect with the picture to the right of women wearing Burqas in Afghanistan.

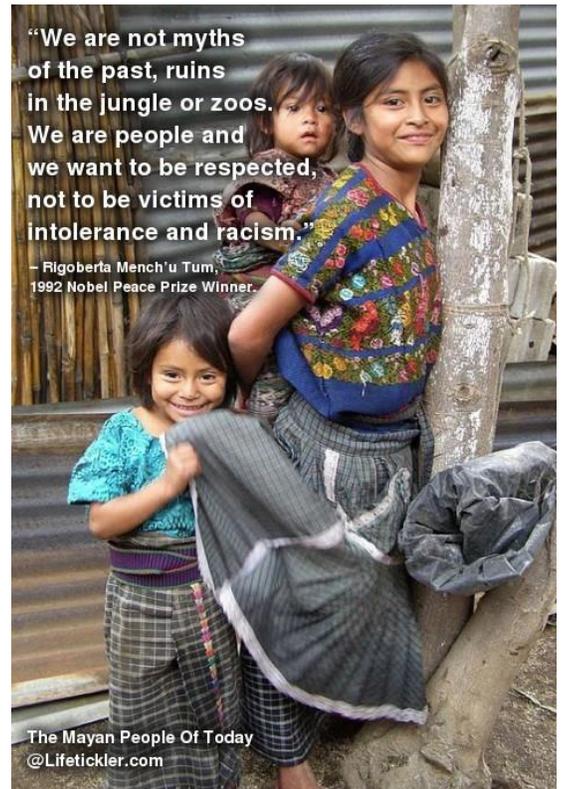
Burqa – A loose garment covering the entire body and having a veiled opening for the eyes, worn by Muslim women.



1. How would a symbolic sociologist view the Burqa? Explain your answer?
2. How would a functional sociologist view the Burqa? Explain your answer
3. How would a conflict sociologist view the Burqa? Explain your answer.
4. Which one of the perspectives most match your own personal beliefs of the Burqa? Explain how.
5. Which of the perspectives does the following quote, by an Afghani teenager, most match and how?
“I think wearing Burqa is nothing but a shame to our whole nation and such a huge violence toward women. It was first brought by Taliban, we never had such a thing in our culture and history before. It is obvious that women who wear burqas do not do it by their own choice or understanding, they have been forced to wear them and obey the men of the family. Even though, it has been almost removed from Kabul, there are other provinces still using them and it makes me really angry and dishonored.”
- Mansoor, 18yrs old, Kabul, Afghanistan

Directions: Answer the following series of questions related to the picture of the Mayan woman and children and the quote by Rigoberta Mench'u Tum (A Guatemalan woman of K'iche descent) to the right.

1. Connect the picture to one of the Sociological Perspectives or ideas we have discussed so far in class. Explain which idea/perspective it connects to and how.



2. What types of connections can you make to groups of people living in the United States? Use a specific group in particular that is fighting to be treated as they are, and not as they were. Explain your reasoning.
3. Argue the importance of examining societies and people as they are, and not by the common perceptions/stereotypes that may have already been formed about them? Use the quote and picture combination as evidence as a way to support your argument.