

## Signature Assignment for ICS #3 & 6

Course: 341 Theories of Society and Culture  
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Assignment Title: Institutionalized Social Oppression and Intercultural Conflicts  
Assignment ID: (To be assigned)

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Outcomes to be assessed: ICS/BA/3 Compare and contrast social cultural perspectives for the purpose of differentiating sources of intercultural conflict.

ICS/BA/6 Analyze the impact of global and local forces of social oppression on marginalized groups in order to promote justice, peace, and integrity of creation.

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Assignment Description: Using the perspective of the oppression theories discuss religion  
Oppression

1. Ability to think theoreticallyShow ability to select a theoretical position, after comparing alternatives, in order to explain the instance of oppression under scrutiny
2. Ability to identify the social/political structure that generates oppression: Structure represents enduring patterns of social praxis and institutions, whether they occur at the micro, local, macro, or global levels
3. Ability to differentiate and analyze the elements that constitute the oppressive structureincluding cultural norms, laws, customs, traditions, and legitimizing ideologies or beliefs which contribute to and maintain the oppression and exploitation
4. Relate the cultural elements to the economic and other underlying interests of the groups
5. Show awareness of the intersectionality of oppression i.e., how forms of oppression (institutional, ideological, political, cultural etc.) are interrelated and interlocked
6. Ability to reflect upon your own responsibility to act, individually or collectively Do you participate in oppressive practices actively or passively, knowingly or unknowingly? This exercise requires personal reflection. You should also identify organizations, social movements, and media outlets, which you may consider supporting in order to address oppression. If none exist, would you want to start one?

Formatting:

13. Treatment of minorities during war (e.g., internment of the Japanese during WW I or the detention of Muslims after the 9/11 attacks)
14. Discrimination against black soldiers during WWII
15. Mistreatment of asylum seekers
16. Persecution of a migrant or marginalized community globally
17. Corporate or governmental appropriation of native lands
18. The process of creating white privilege
19. Colonialism and the creation of social hierarchies, leading to the oppression of minorities
20. Treatment of Native Americans in boarding schools
21. Colonialism. -