

# **SAMPLE ASSIGNMENT**

## **SOC 2000**

### **Introduction**

This presentation assignment gives you the opportunity to place into practice the concepts and techniques discussed in the classroom lectures. The assignment is designed to, as much as possible, emulate tasks required of professional sociologists. The assignment asks you to interpret a social problem and suggest a policy for mitigating the negative consequences of the social problem. It is anticipated that, through this assignment, you will gain experience in understanding social problems from a broad perspective.

### **Assignment**

#### Directions

You will be creating a presentation on a social problem discussed in Chapters 3 and 4 in our textbook. You may use Powerpoint, Prezi or any other presentation software of your choosing. Your presentation will be 8-10 minutes in length. To complete this assignment, you will:

1. Select a social problem from you are interested in writing about. The topic you select can address either a general (e.g., "poverty") or specific (e.g., "homelessness among women") topic.
2. Find 2 articles from the popular press (newspapers, magazines, web pages) and 2 articles from a social science journal that will be information sources for your presentation. These articles should be ones not included in the course materials.
3. Find an existing social policy that would mitigate the negative consequences of the social problem, and discuss this in the conclusion of your presentation.
4. Create an annotated bibliography of your articles in APA style, and distribute to the class
5. Students are not allowed to share work with one another. Each presentation should be unique.