

SOCY 2222: Sociology of Climate Change. Research Paper Assignment

Choose one climate change issue that directly impacts the neighborhood that you live in. Describe the specific ways the problem impacts (or is likely to impact) your neighborhood, with particular attention to differential vulnerabilities. Make recommendations on how to adapt to the problem in your neighborhood. Your research paper should answer the following questions:

- A. Describe the current conditions in the community that make the climate change impact you have chosen a significant problem for your neighborhood.
- B. How did these conditions emerge over time? Why?
- C. Who is most immediately vulnerable? Why?
- D. What public policies have contributed to making this climate change impact a problem for your neighborhood?
- E. What public policies (if any) have been implemented that might lessen the impact of this climate change issue in your community?
- F. How have individuals and local groups responded to this climate change impact?
- G. What recommendations would you make to help your community adapt? Why?

This assignment requires that you use substantive and theoretical points from the **course readings, class discussions, lectures, and films**. You should illustrate the ways in which the theories and processes discussed in our readings and our class meetings are reflected in the climate change problem you have chosen to study. **Citation** of facts and theories presented by authors is essential. Also, you will need to do **research** to get additional data on your climate change issue and your neighborhood. Papers will require a minimum of 8 reliable research data sources in addition to the course readings. At least half of your research sources must be peer-reviewed.

Answers should be typed, double-spaced, with one-inch margins on all sides. Your answers should not exceed 6 pages but must be **at least 5 full pages** (excluding your bibliography).

You will need to submit a one paragraph proposal describing the neighborhood climate change problem you plan to address. Proposals are due in class on **Thursday, March 21st**. We will workshop your proposals in class.

You are strongly encouraged to discuss your paper with me during my office hours.

I am glad to read and provide feedback on an early draft of your paper if I receive it before April 5th.

Please turn-in a hard copy of your paper in class and an electronic copy of your paper through email.

Research papers are due on **Thursday, April 18th.**