SOC 322: SOCILOGY OF WORK

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Content:
This course will explore various aspects of work: the evolution of work, the personal context of work including family and job satisfaction, alienation and collective responses to work, the social organization of work, types of workers, and the impact of technology and the global economy on work.

Required Texts:
The Social Organization of Work by Randy Hodson, and Teresa A. Sullivan
Working in America: Continuity, Conflict, and Change by Amy S. Wharton (Compiler)

Objectives:
One set of objectives in this course is for you to demonstrate knowledge of terminology by identifying and defining key terms and comparing/contrasting them, and to demonstrate comprehension by applying and synthesizing learned information to a given situation in an essay.

Exams:
First Exam Tues Oct 16 12:40 (in class)
Second Exam Mon Dec 10 12:45-2:45

A second set of objectives is for you to analyze, from a sociological perspective, a recommended film by linking it to the readings and lectures. You will demonstrate this by writing two 5-7-page papers. One paper must be based on a topic and related film from the set or topics before the mid term and the other after the mid term.

You must inform the instructor of your choices by 5pm Friday Sept 14th. You may propose other films to view and receive an okay from the instructor. Students may also indicate no preference and the instructor will then assign a topic and film. Students may email choices to: perlstad@msu.edu Subject: Soc 322 Paper Topic.

Papers:
Each paper has a specific due date following the discussion of the topic. Instructions on writing the paper, a list of recommended films, and the due dates are attached. All papers must be hard copies, double spaced, 10 or 12 point in Times Roman, Arial regular or Courier font.

Grading:
mid-term exam is worth 100 points
Each paper is worth 50 points 100 points
Final exam is worth 100 points.
Course grade based on 300 points