

Sociology lesson plans for 12/21 – 12/22/09

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Warm-up: Why is it important to be ethical?

Activities:

1. Read pages 58 -62
2. Which ethical standards is being violated in each of the following scenarios:
  - a. After a field study of deviant behavior during a riot, law enforcement officials demand that the researcher identify those people who were observed looting. Rather than risk arrest as an accomplice after the fact, the researcher complies.
  - b. A research questionnaire is circulated among students as part of the university registration packet. Although students are not told they must complete the questionnaire, the hope is that they will believe they must - thus ensuring a higher completion rate.
  - c. Researchers obtain a list of right-wing radicals they wish to study. They contact the radicals with the explanation that each has been selected “at random” from among the general population to take a sampling of “public opinion”.
3. tell about ecoterrorists and split into 3 groups that will act as members of ethical review boards. Should the sociologist turn the research over to local authorities?
4. Do chapter 2 review on pages 63 – 64

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Chapter 2 test