Unit 7 Social Class Photo Essay Assignment

No aspect of life goes untouched by social class. For this assignment, you will explore your social class through a photographic essay. Take a series of 8-10 photos that coherently tell a story about your social class. You may use a digital camera or the camera in your mobile phone; keeping in mind, you must take the pictures yourself.

For this assignment you will:

- Create a photographic essay using Microsoft PowerPoint®.
- Follow the guidelines below for your presentation.

**Introduction Slide:**

- Give your presentation a creative title. Be sure to include on the first slide: your name, class title, and date.

- Then, using Dennis Gilbert and Joseph Kahl’s model of social class (See Figure 7 in the textbook), identify your family’s social class position on the social class ladder.

- In the Notes Section below the slide, you should denote the social class you placed your family in and provide support as to why your family fits in this position.

**Body Slides:**

- You will have 8 main slides in the body of your assignment. Take pictures of items you believe represent your family’s social class. For example, you may consider status symbols like: cars, houses, neighborhoods, material possessions, heirlooms, schools, store fronts, recreation areas, heath care centers, leisure items, and so on.

- Insert one picture per slide.
- You will then create a title for the picture.

- Under the title you will provide a short caption describing the picture. In the Notes Section of each slide, explain why this picture denotes the social class you fit into.
Caution:

If you are photographing buildings or places in your community, you must take your pictures from a public sidewalk or road. Do not trespass on property not your own to take pictures. If you are taking pictures of people in your family, make sure to ask permission and cite the person as a personal communication next to the photo only. Example: (D. Mikal, personal communication, April 5, 2012).

Conclusion Slide:

- The last slide of your photo essay will serve as a conclusion. You may choose to include one last picture here summing up your photo essay.

- In the Notes Section address both questions:
  
  o What did you learn from this assignment about your social class?
  
  o How has social class affected your life? Describe privileges, obligations, and consequences of your social class. Consider your education, family, finances, access to healthcare and other facts about your life to complete your essay.

Submitting Your Assignment:

Save your assignment in a location and with a name you will remember. When you are ready to submit it, click on the Dropbox and complete the steps below:

- Click the link that says “Submit an Assignment.”
- In the “Submit to Basket” menu, select Unit 7: Assignment.
- In the “Comments” field, include at least the title of your assignment.
- Click the “Add Attachments” button.
- Follow the steps listed to attach your photo essay.

To view your graded work, come back to the Dropbox or go to the Gradebook after your instructor has evaluated it. Please check the grading rubric in the course syllabus to see how this assignment will be graded.

Make sure you save a copy of your submitted assignment.