

Analysis: All responses should be typed and written in complete sentences.

Looking at your survey results, you need to determine which recurring social issue topics were identified by multiple participants. Count up how many times the same issue topic(s) was/were identified.

If you have more than two topics that were identified more than once (for example: 10 people identified “marriage rights”, 5 identified “economy”, 4 identified “health care”, etc...), you will just answer the questions below for the top TWO most frequent topic responses. [So using my example topics above, I would answer questions 1-4 below about “marriage rights” and questions 5-8 about “economy”]

Analysis Part 1:

QUESTIONS 1-4 ARE ABOUT THE MOST FREQUENT TOPIC RESPONSE FROM YOUR SURVEYORS

1. Looking at your survey results, which topic was identified the most times by your respondents?
2. How many times was this topic identified?
3. Why do you think this specific issue was identified the most times?
4. Do you agree that this issue is the most important in America today? Explain why/why not.

QUESTIONS 5-8 ARE ABOUT THE 2nd MOST FREQUENT TOPIC RESPONSE FROM YOUR SURVEYORS

5. Looking at your survey results, which topic was identified the 2nd most frequently by your respondents?
6. How many times was this topic identified?
7. Why do you think this specific issue was identified multiple times?
8. Do you agree that this issue is important in America today? Explain why/why not.

***Answers for questions # 1-8 should be in complete sentences.
Please number each of your responses.**

Analysis Part 2:

9. Of all of the social issues identified by your participants, select TWO topics that you find to be most interesting.
10. Using the textbook and your notes as a guide, interpret how the Functionalist Perspective, Conflict Perspective and Symbolic Interactionist Perspective would interpret each of these two social issues.
Your interpretation should be a minimum of one paragraph (4 sentences) per perspective/topic. [You will have a total of 6 paragraphs - 3 per topic].

***There is an example on the back of this handout
you may use as a reference for Part 2**

Analysis Part 2 Example:

Topic: Overuse of Technology

Functionalist: With advanced technology, we can accomplish things, such as homework quicker, giving us more free time. It provides more and current information than previously. Also with advanced technology, health care is more proficient and safer for the patients. It provides a larger number of technology related careers and jobs.

Conflict: Along with technological advances comes the increase in expense for its use. Technology has created safety issues, for example: texting or using a cell phone while driving distracts the driver. Technology is geared more towards the younger generation, making it more difficult for older generations to keep up with the new technology required to perform many jobs. One of the drawbacks of technology is that it can potentially break down at any moment.

Symbolic Interactionist: Technology decreased the amount of direct social interaction. For example, people now send an e-mail or text message instead of calling and visiting with others. When people use technology to communicate, misinterpretations can be made regarding the emotion behind the comment. Also, younger generations have more difficulty interacting with others, because of the lack of experience communicating verbally and socially with others.

Your Name: _____

Grading Rubric:

Survey Responses	10	7	5	2	0
Analysis Part 1 (Questions 1-4)	2		1		0
Analysis Part 1 (Questions 5-8)	2		1		0
Analysis Part 2 (Functionalist Perspective: Topic 1)	4	3	2	1	0
Analysis Part 2 (Conflict Perspective: Topic 1)	4	3	2	1	0
Analysis Part 2 (Symbolic Interactionist Perspective: Topic 1)	4	3	2	1	0
Analysis Part 2 (Functionalist Perspective: Topic 2)	4	3	2	1	0
Analysis Part 2 (Conflict Perspective: Topic 2)	4	3	2	1	0
Analysis Part 2 (Symbolic Interactionist Perspective: Topic 2)	4	3	2	1	0

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