Discussion Board #9

Helai Nadeem (She/Her/Hers) submitted Oct 1 at 1:06am



The main purpose of Black feminist thought is to assist Black women fight back against all the ways society has oppressed them by showing that their own experiences are valid and to fight back against the harmful stereotypes that society has used to keep them in their place. Three key elements assist in this purpose. The first element is intersectionality, which identifies that the struggles of Black women are not isolated issues, but instead that racism, sexism, and class issues are interwoven and have to be tackled together, to resist oppression systemically. The second key element would be affirming shared experiences by sharing the wisdom and the experiences of Black women as truth or valid, forcing the stereotypical ideas associated with black women to be falsified. Finally the third key element is connecting thought to action so that Black feminists can use activism as a way to create social change for themselves.

"Controlling images" are the negative, excessively exaggerated stereotypes of Black women that society uses to have an excuse to treat them unfairly. They are created and maintained by elitist groups to make the oppression they deal with normal, warranted, or the Black women's fault. Fighting against these "controlling images" is a core part of Black feminist thought.

In the book, Collins gives us four examples of "controlling images" in which I will explain three of them. "The Mammy" is the image of a faithful, submissive and asexual Black woman who is so loyal to her White family, she "forgets" about her own. She was used to validate the economic exploitation of Black women's labor and showcased the ideal relationship between Black women and White power. "The Matriarch," her counterpart, was seen as an aggressive, loud, masculine Black mother whose household was run so badly that she caused social issues and subdued Black men. The point of this image was to shift the blame of the socioeconomic inequalities between White and Black people and place all the blame on the Black mother. "The Welfare Queen" was the image created of a poor Black woman who refused to work, didn't have morals and had an overabundance of children so she could cheat the welfare system. This image was used as an excuse to cut welfare programs and once again, to blame Black women for their own poverty and control their fertility.

Excellent work here, Helai. You succinctly captured various central dimensions of what Collins was trying to convey in her work. I like how you were working with these concepts via your own interpretations.

Victor Corona , Oct 6 at 2:38pm

Thank you Professor.

Helai Nadeem , Oct 13 at 3:47pm

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Discussion Board #7

Adam Eltawafsha submitted Oct 12 at 12:16pm

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from **Discussion Board #7** Oct 12, 2025 12:16PM

From a symbolic interactionist perspective, a deviant subculture is burnout culture, in which a situation like mines where I am being demand to achieve a higher level of academic excellence. Burnout culture is defined as the ability to value and balance behaviors in balancing norms, life experiences and school. My experience and challenge in managing time and and being able to manage various responsibilities which have shaped in our shaping the meanings of which we are being defined as or attached to activities or jobs. For example my role as a student athletic trainer at Westchester High school in which we are expected for dedication and prioritizing time to be able to complete and attend sports sports events and games as well as practices and time in the training room for treatment. However, as a student there are factors towards that and in which it includes being able to manage personal life outside of high school and life, including high school, which is classes, assignments, projects, and studying time. I have managed to balance the difference aspects of my life, whether it's studying or completing classwork, I have been able to prioritize the important depending on the ability to manage the time while completing the task, I'm being assigned.

I'm not sure I understand your "burnout culture" example here, Adam. A good example of a deviant subculture would be punks, graffiti artists, or gang members: individuals who share a collective identity and tend to organize their lives around it.

I also don't see application of symbolic interactionist principles like labeling theory or secondary deviance in your answer.

Victor Corona , Oct 19 at 2:43pm

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Discussion Board #11

Micah Adams submitted Oct 8 at 5:17pm

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from **Discussion Board #11** Oct 8, 2025 5:17PM

Pursuing a degree in education has a significant impact on most peoples lives. Considering most of my classes are online and I'm not required to come on campus, I wanted to examine ways that I'm still being influenced by manifest and latent functions without in-person connection. Manifest functions, which are the visible and intended functions of my educational pursuit, might be the obvious attainment of a degree. Within the same vein, acquiring the knowledge necessary for your career pursuits would also be a primary function of going to school here at West Los Angeles College. By attending my classes regularly and keeping up my grades, I am able to gain this result. Some of the hidden or unintended functions of my educational journey have been access to a social network of students, alumni, and professors that I've made connections with and may be able to assist me as I further my education or career. Most importantly, I feel that pursuing higher education has had a great effect on my self esteem and identity. Growing up, I had difficulty in school and had lost confidence in my ability to learn. By going to college, I was able to re-discover my strengths and get help with my weaknesses. This has made me stronger within many areas of my life, instilling a new self belief that I can learn anything if given the time and resources to succeed.

Yes! Excellent response here, Micah, and thanks for relaying a bit of your own experience with education. I appreciate the careful attention to detail and editing you put into your DB posts.

Victor Corona , Oct 9 at 6:59pm

Thank you.

Micah Adams , Oct 9 at 8:04pm

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Close Reading Assignment

Denise Salas submitted Oct 17 at 9:59pm **Attempts** 1 **Allowed Attempts** 1

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The perception Tocqueville has of the world is of course biased because of the life blinded by the idea that cultivation through a state of democracy is possible, while knowing that caste/ hierarchy system exists. He states the following, “Every individual being in the possession of rights which he is sure to retain, a kind of manly reliance and reciprocal courtesy would arise between all classes, alike removed from pride and meanness.” (page 19), especially if never living in the poorest ports and bearing witness to the lawlessness and experiencing the consequences of the Government, destroying everything in its path (pg. 21), while at the same time being aware of its brutality. Although he is upper class in France, he recognizes, France and the Americans share similar political conditions and consequences. While traveling through (Page 24) America he saw beauty and prejudices alike, was able to move freely in an explorative manner because of his status and wealth. This point of him sharing his views, beliefs, values and perspective on religion possibly being a positive tool to bring peace and respect, from the upper classes all the way down to poorest individuals, who abided by street law. Wanting to push the idea that fairness and quality could bring on a more calmer and law abiding citizen world, a world that he already lives, sees the value of education and government, and at the same time, wanting compassion to exist for those who have not be exposed to safe world. The author wanted to share his writings to bring insight into what it is to have government while also the voiceless to no longer be isolated. Where one awakens each day with a sense of hospitality, just as he does each day, with or without being judged by their own status.

Our great country has evolved many times over, from lower class exposing their fine art to upper classes being able to travel to areas most of us haven’t and recognize the importance in fine arts. This expanding one’s own genre of reads to science and classical composers and most of all, Philosophers and Theorist. At one point it was stated, “the American’s did not get their philosophy from books their philosophical method was extracted from themselves, being unable to,” (490). In the reading it examines how and why America did not evolve in the same manner as other countries, two points are because of how deeply rooted (492) religion is and the way politics became intertwined, which forced and or encouraged others to accept appropriate ways of behaving and instilling values. Today in America religion is weaponing more than it had been during the 18th century. Although there are many similarities, people are looking away from the true morals and values of what is written in the bibles and spoken of in church, they are choosing to look the other way, as long as, the person aligns with a specific race and ethnicity, well to a certain degree, because then the caste system comes into play. Revolutions have tried so hard to prevent what is happening now, the revolutions of the past may have shared similar sentiments and ignorances, but during this time we have folks who are not basing they're information on statistics or research. They are using social media to base their facts, in some way this can be resemble the past, just different versions of it. We are hoping that democracy will prevail just as it did in the past, just as America had involved so many times over, with so many improvements. However, change comes with pain and suffering and war, the fight for improvement for the better of all humans.

Good start here, Denise. You addressed several key themes in his arguments, but in your answer to question #1, your work could have done a better job of commenting on how his identity as a European man of privilege affected his insights about equality and power in America. I also didn't understand some of what you wrote; for example: "Today in America religion is weaponing more than it had been during the 18th century."

Victor Corona , Oct 19 at 4:40pm

Hi, He referenced religion so I thought I would capitalize on it. Because this republican administration nowadays is using it to persuade people, even though a lot of these measures are more harmful than useful for low to no income communities. They’re going based off religious views, which is not playing out in their favor at all. Ty Get Outlook for iOS<https://aka.ms/o0ukef>

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From: Victor Corona <notifications@instructure.com>
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Discussion Board #7

Aileen Escalante submitted Sep 23 at 8:31pm

The submissions for this assignment are posts in the assignment's discussion. Below are the discussion posts for Aileen Escalante, or you can **view the full discussion**.

from **Discussion Board #7** Sep 23, 2025 8:31PM



The Symbolic Interactionism theoretical approach, as we all know, is truly all about performance and impression management. My deviant subculture of choice for today is hackers. Let's use the show *Mr. Robot* as a case study example. Not only is it an interesting perspective on society and its "norms", but it also does a pretty good job of mirroring the real world hacker subculture. Many hackers perform as rebels. As we know, a key concept in symbolic interactionism is metaphorical mask wearing and switching, and *Mr. Robot* gives us the perfect visual example as such; F-Society. Every time that mask is worn and a publicly broadcasted cyber attack is preformed, it is a performance of deviance to corporate authority. It an act to instill the impression of resistance and push back. Let us take the real world example of the decentralized hacker group "Anonymous". According to CyberTap, "The group is full of conflicting opinions but there are two main activism interests that hold the group together. The first is their opposition of internet censorship. The second is their shared interests in defending privacy and 'exposing of injustice.'" In their case, they are advocates and activist for all injustice. Their status of *hacktivist* is demonstrated through the executions of various cyber attacks including the 2007-2015 Sexual Predator leaks and Operation Darknet.

Excellent example, Aileen, and I like how you brought in material from pop culture like *Mr. Robot*, which my students keep telling me that I should watch!

Victor Corona , Sep 26 at 5:41pm

Will say it is a bit dark and niche. Definitely should give it a try if its your thing!

Aileen Escalante , Sep 29 at 9:28pm

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Discussion Board #2

Jessica Matthews submitted Sep 10 at 1:30pm

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from **Discussion Board #2** Sep 10, 2025 1:30PM



Look over Table 2.1 carefully. Pick a social problem that you face as an Angeleno and develop 3 hypotheses that you could potentially test in a research study about the problem.

The social problem I face as an Angeleno is racial profiling.

Hypothesis:

#1. If racial profiling increases, the hate crimes will increase.

#2. The greater the love for people and humanity, the lower the rates of racial profiling.

#3. The lower the rates of racial profiling, the greater the job opportunities.

Jessica, you picked a really interesting topic, but how would you measure the "greater the love for people and humanity"? And how would you measure "racial profiling"? Are you talking about police stops?

Victor Corona , Sep 12 at 3:56pm

Just in general. Me being a mix race I've been profiled at work by patients and in stores

Jessica Matthews , Sep 14 at 3:11pm

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Jessica Matthews , Sep 14 at 3:11pm

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Discussion Board #2

Grace Rodas Gonzalez submitted Sep 10 at 10:54am

The submissions for this assignment are posts in the assignment's discussion. Below are the discussion posts for Grace Rodas Gonzalez, or you can **view the full discussion**.

from **Discussion Board #2** Sep 10, 2025 10:54AM



For this discussion, I picked the issue of gang intervention and prevention programs in Los Angeles, especially GRYD. The reason I chose this topic is because I actually wrote a research paper on it before and I was also part of GRYD myself when I was younger. From my personal experience the programs didn't really help. Instead, they made me feel more criminalized and watched, also because even my younger brother was considered "at risk" simply for being my brother when clearly he was not affiliated and looked like a skater. Something else that always made me think was that these programs use people from our own community, people who look like us, some are even ex gang members to keep doing the work of surveillance which in all reality does not build trust. So until this day I'm still curious and intrigued about this.

If I were given the opportunity to study this issue as a sociologist the three hypotheses I would test would be 1) Youth in GRYD zones are more likely to be labeled "at risk" than youth outside those areas. 2) Brown and Black youth feel higher levels of mistrust and surveillance when these programs involve police. 3) Communities with heavy GRYD funding don't actually see lower crimes compared to those without it. These could be studied using methods from Table 2.1: Surveys to ask youth about mistrust, Field research to observe GRYD and police interactions, and secondary data to compare crime rates in GRYD vs. non-GRYD neighborhoods.

Great topic, Grace! I hadn't received a submission framed this way before, and really enjoyed how you phrased your hypotheses and subject. It would indeed be fascinating to study GRYD outcomes in this way, using the methods you incorporated as well. Thanks also for sharing a bit of your own experience here.

Victor Corona , Sep 12 at 4:31pm

Thank you professor I appreciate the feedback 😊

Grace Rodas Gonzalez , Sep 12 at 4:47pm

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