Current Events in Social Psychology

Current Event Focus Concept:

Name: Date:

The purpose of this assignment is for the student to *show* that they are a student in a Social Psychology class who has **learned** some information that can be applied to a current issue in society.

The **2 Current Event Assignments** ask the student to APPLY information gained through their readings and study within section two, three and four to current events within the community, society, culture or world.

Students should **Not Just Offer Opinions** but MUST demonstrate that they have read and understood the chapter and readings. Student MUST therefore, **use statements from the text to corroborate, explain, or illustrate their statements**. Students should show their knowledge by utilizing course specific vocabulary.

*Each assignment should be a minimum of 500 words*.

**Current** **Event** **One** must reflect your **learning** associated to the concept of Social Perception/Thinking.

**Current** **Event** **Two** must reflect your **learning** associated to the concept of Social Influence/ Social Behavior.

**FILL IN THE Current Events FORM AND SUBMIT THE FORM FOR YOUR GRADE**. You will need to fill in the same FORM 2 times to submit Current Event 1 and 2.

**For each current event the student will**:

1. FIRST: DESCRIBE the ***Focus Concept*** (Social Perception or Social Influence or Social Behavior (interactions) under consideration. Include information from your text that gives a **complete overview** of the focus concept. **Do not just define** the concepts. **Show your learning**! Cite and reference to the sources of your information.(15 points)
2. THEN: State and then describe *the current event* using information obtained from newspapers, magazines, internet sources etc. Be sure to cite and reference your sources. You could even include a Screen Shot if the source is from the internet. (15 points)
3. Discuss HOW your current event is an ***EXAMPLE*** of the Focus Concept under consideration. Be specific; support your argument with **evidence** from your reading or research. Cite and reference your sources.(25 points)
4. Identify a **theoretical perspective** in Social Psychology, Sociology or Psychology that you feel best explains the main issue addressed by your current event (*see Lecture 1, chapter 6, 9, 11. Be sure to identify a theoretical perspective and not a field of study.*). **Why?** Support your answers with evidence from the text or other resource. Cite and reference your sources. (10 points)
5. What conclusions can you draw based on your analysis of this current event? What solutions do you foresee? What impact might this current event have on individuals, communities, society, and/or culture? What positive consequences vs. negative consequences could be associated to this current event? (15 points)
6. **References (APA style) (**10 points)
7. **Quality of citations (10 points)**