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STUDENT HANDOUT: THEORY PUZZLE TRACK SHEET

Directions: Write the name of the theory that corresponds with each statement from the puzzles you completed.

Theory options: Structural-Functional, Social Conflict, Symbolic Interaction

Statements

Corresponding Theory

SPORTS

- Sports foster social relationships, provide a means to let off steam, they generate jobs, and provide physical fitness.
- Sports reflect social standing, only the wealthy have access to expensive equipment and trainers. Creates an inequality among people.
- ★ Sports and activities are constantly changing and developing. People play for different reasons and with different and changing agendas.

HEALTH

- Health follows wealth as the poor have less access to adequate care and the race for profits causes irresponsible behavior among doctors and companies.
- There are important expected behaviors from the sick (lower responsibility, seek help) and from physicians (diagnose and treat) which give predictability and order.
- ★ Health is a negotiated outcome. People decide if they are sick and what treatment route to take based on personal views of their options.

FAMILY

- Family is the backbone of our society providing socialization, regulation of sexual activity, and material & social support.
- Relationships in families change from day to day. People in families are intimate, they share activities and emotional bonds.
- ★ While family is essential to society, the structure has favored men through inheritance and controlling finances. There is also pressure to marry within your race.

AGE

- The elderly are purposefully disengaged, but they need to change their role and find new activities to remain a vital part of our society.
- The elderly are categorized as unproductive and they are replaced with less expensive and younger workers, saving money for businesses.
- ★ Age threatens the functioning of society as the elderly begin to lose physical abilities. The gradual disengagement of the elderly (retirement) keeps society working smoothly.

ENVIRONMENT

- Environment problems demand complex solutions since we've come to rely on using natural resources to keep society functioning.
- The rich directly or indirectly aggravate environmental problems as their only concern is self-interest and financial gain.
- ★ People have to change individual treatment of the environment or adapt to the decrease in natural resources. Values are subjective – damage the ozone or drive to work to get paid?

RELIGION

- Religion puts everyday events in a frame of reference and helps people recover from pain and disappointment.
- Religions unites people through rituals and values, it promotes conformity which adds to the stability of society.
- ★ Religion serves the elite, keeping them in power. Men have traditionally benefited from religious institutions and it discourages questioning those in power and change.
