

Defining Social Problems

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### Week One Discussion: Defining Social Problems

As a presidential candidate, my priority is tackling climate change. This crisis impacts us all, threatening our health, economy, and future generations. Personally, witnessing its effects on local communities and understanding its global implications drives my commitment to sustainable solutions and environmental justice for a healthier planet.

Analyzing a narrative from "Humans of New York" through the lens of Social Conflict Theory, one could select a story that delves into a social issue such as racial inequality, economic disparity, or gender discrimination. Social Conflict Theory, which highlights the role of power struggles and inequality in shaping social dynamics, offers a framework to understand the challenges individuals face within these narratives. For instance, a narrative about an immigrant facing employment barriers can illustrate the broader societal issue of systemic inequality. By applying Social Conflict Theory, one can analyze how societal structures and power imbalances contribute to the competitive job market, disadvantaging immigrants and perpetuating economic disparities. This approach sheds light on the individual's struggle against systemic barriers and connects their experience to broader societal conflicts. Such an analysis reveals the pervasive impact of societal inequalities and underscores the importance of addressing these disparities to foster a more equitable society. This method of examination, grounded in Social Conflict Theory, emphasizes the significance of understanding and addressing the root causes of social problems to achieve societal change.