

Friday, March 29

HW:1) Ch. 8 pp.204-11 W 4/3 Open-note quiz  
Ann:None

Today:1) Notes on Social Class

2) Star Power & Sneetches Reflection--If absent, choose 3 to answer.

3) How do Americans feel about social class? Social Mobility??  
v---new images of English & Indian class structures

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Social Stratification and Social Class

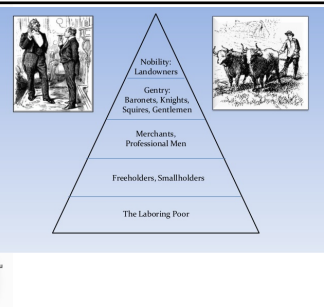
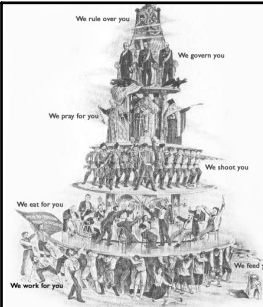
- The creation of layers (or strata) of people who possess unequal shares of scarce resources is called social stratification.
- The most important of these scarce resources are income, wealth, power, and prestige.
- Each layer in a stratification system is a social class.
- Members of a social class have similar amounts of scarce resources and share a lifestyle with common values, norms, and social status.
- Technologically developed countries generally have upper, middle, and lower classes; some less developed countries have only an upper class and a lower class.

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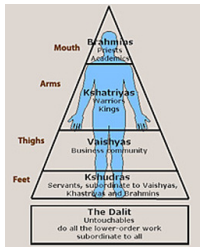
The Social Classes

- Sociologists recognize six main classes within the social structure of the United States: the **upper class**, **upper-middle class**, the **middle-middle class**, the **working class**, the **working poor**, and the **underclass**.
- The upper class includes only 1 percent of the population and the membership is based on birth and inherited wealth or achievement and earned income.
- The upper-middle class and middle-middle class, about 44 percent of the population, are composed of those who have been successful in business, the professions, politics, and the military, and those in small businesses and farms, professionals, lower-level managers, and some sales and clerical workers.
- The working class, or the lower-middle class, comprises almost one third of the population and includes laborers with below-average incomes and unstable employment.
- The working poor, about 13 percent of the population, hold low-skill jobs at the lowest pay; the underclass, about 12 percent of the population, are usually unemployed from families with a history of unemployment for generations.

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