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Assessment 1 & 2
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Assessment 1

- Describe the key features of ONE significant sociological perspective and how they relate to the study of contemporary society.
- 70% weighting
- Essay – 2100 words
- Due: 7th December
- Returned: 25th January

Assessment 2

- Apply a theory (***different from Assignment 1***) to explain social exclusion in a real-life situation. (*You can include images to illustrate your discussion – these must be referenced*)
- Weighting: 30%
- Seminar Presentation - 8 Minutes
- Due 30th November
- Returned: 18th January

Assessment 2 – Unpacked

- Social exclusion or social marginalisation is the social disadvantage and relegation to the fringe of society.
- It is a term that has been used widely in Europe and was first used in France in the late 20th century.
- It is used across disciplines including education, sociology, psychology, politics and economics.
- Social exclusion is the process in which individuals are blocked from (or denied full access to) various rights, opportunities and resources that are normally available to members of a different group, and which are fundamental to social integration and observance of human rights within that particular group (e.g. due process).

Assessment 2 – Unpacked

- Alienation or disenfranchisement resulting from social exclusion can be connected to a person's:
 - social class,
 - race,
 - skin colour,
 - religious affiliation,
 - ethnic origin,
 - educational status,
 - childhood relationships,
 - living standards,
 - political opinions,
 - appearance.

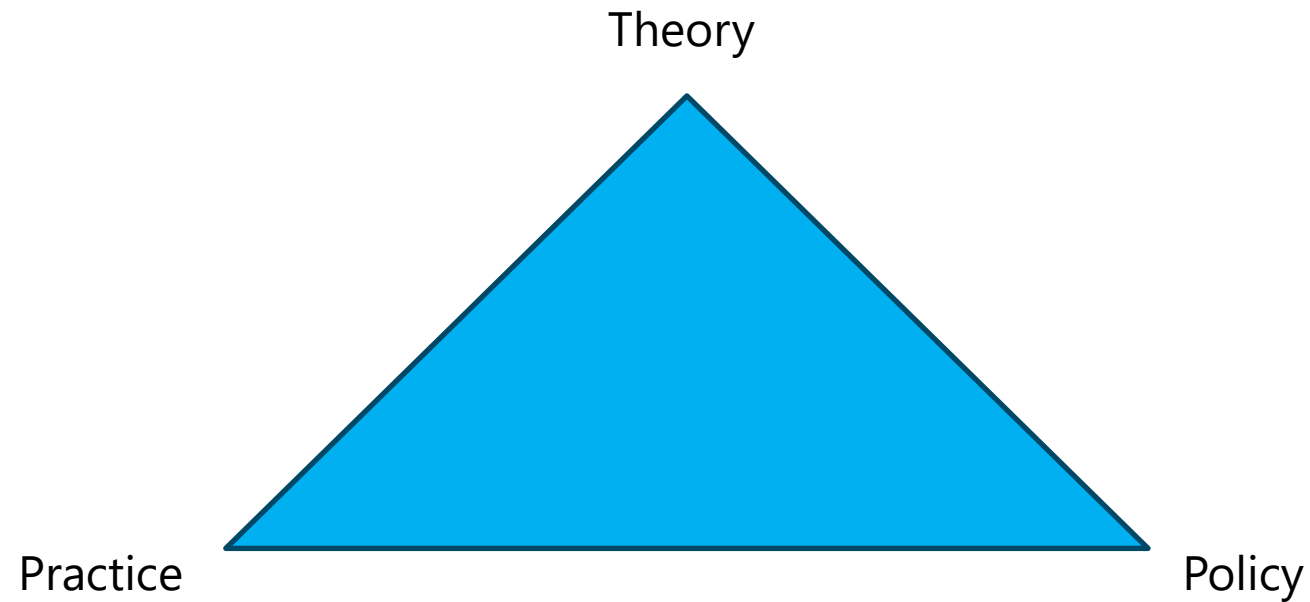
Assessment 2 – Unpacked

- Such exclusionary forms of discrimination may also apply to:
 - disabled people,
 - minorities,
 - LGBTQ+ people,
 - drug users,
 - institutional care leavers,
 - the elderly and the young.
- Anyone who appears to deviate in any way from perceived norms of a population may thereby become subject to coarse or subtle forms of social exclusion.

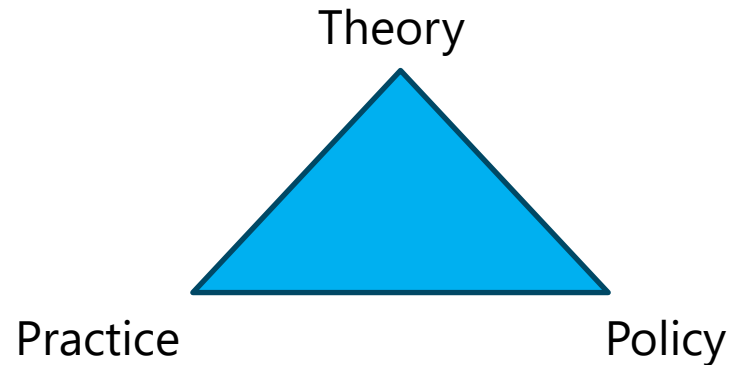
Assessment 2 – Unpacked

Social exclusion is a multidimensional process of progressive social rupture, detaching groups and individuals from social relations and institutions and preventing them from full participation in the normal, normatively prescribed activities of the society in which they live.

Assessment 2 – Unpacked



Assessment 2 – Unpacked



We will be exploring Sociological theory throughout this module, ensure that you apply at least 1 theory to explain social exclusion

What Policies or Legislation 'talks about' the group/individual that you have chosen to explore

What practical examples can you give to demonstrate your chosen group/individual, and what does social exclusion REALLY mean for them?

Assessment 1 - Unpacked

- Describe the key features of ONE significant sociological perspective and how they relate to the study of contemporary society.

Assessment 1 - Unpacked

- A contemporary society is defined as a setting characterized by technological innovation and increasing human interconnection and globalization.
- It brings about changes such as increased life expectancy, literacy and gender equality, bringing a natural equilibrium.

Assessment 1 - Unpacked

- The contemporary world can best be understood as the people, events, political landscape, etc., present during our lifetimes.
- Right now, this is also the modern world.
- We could also widen the net and regard the whole 21st century as being the contemporary world.

Assessment 1 - Unpacked

Cost-of-living crisis
Food insecurity
Children experiencing poverty
Homelessness
Women's rights
Trans rights
Climate change
Education
Healthcare
Racial discrimination
Police brutality
Mental health
Asylum and migration
Weakening of human rights protections
Digital safety and privacy

- The United Kingdom consists of four geographic parts: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Island. It's home to nearly 68 million people, while its capital city – London – is one of the most ethnically diverse cities in the world.

Assessment 1 - Unpacked

- The Cost-of-Living Crisis
 - The UK has been in a cost-of-living crisis since 2021.
 - There are a few causes, such as the global rise in inflation, COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, and Brexit.
 - The high price of everyday goods, like groceries, electricity, and clothing, has the most impact on low-income families and individuals.
 - High bills also impact the future of young people.
 - While the rate of price increases appears to be falling, it will likely take many people a long time to recover.

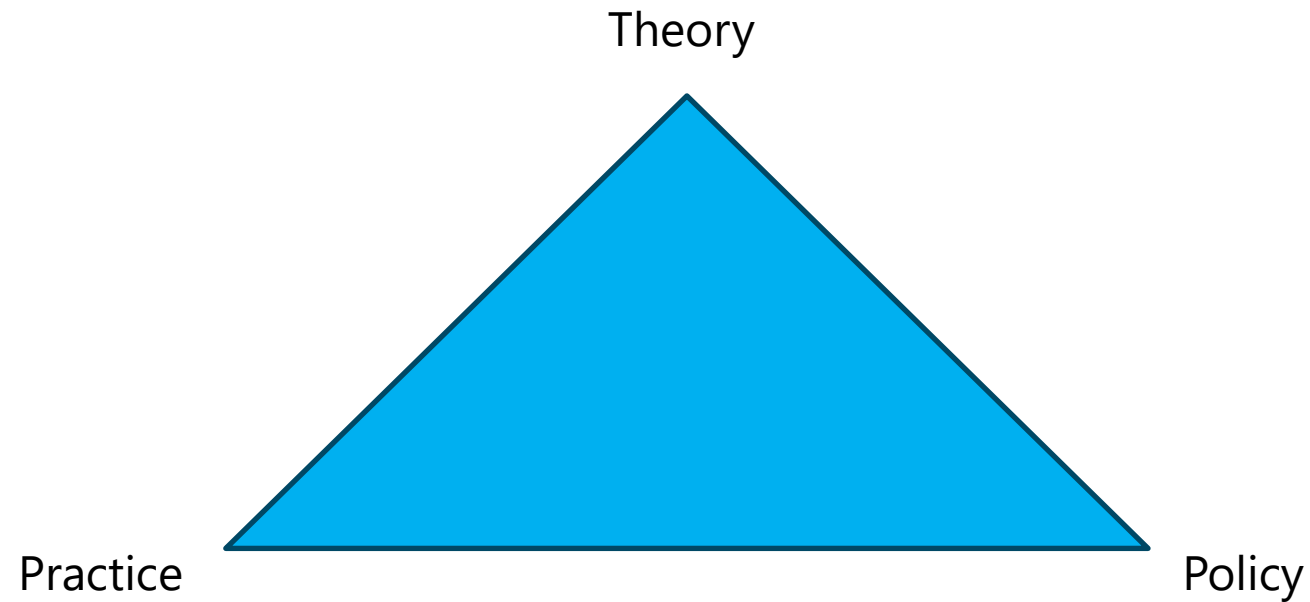
Assessment 1 - Unpacked

- Homelessness
 - It's difficult to get accurate information on the number of people experiencing homelessness, but the number of households in temporary commensation reached its highest level since 1998.
 - Temporary accommodations include hostels and rooms in a shared house.
 - To address this issue, experts say the government needs to build homes.
 - While they put the ideal number at around 380,000 homes, only 192,000 homes were built in 2022.
 - The causes of homelessness, like high rents and a lack of affordable housing, also need to be addressed.

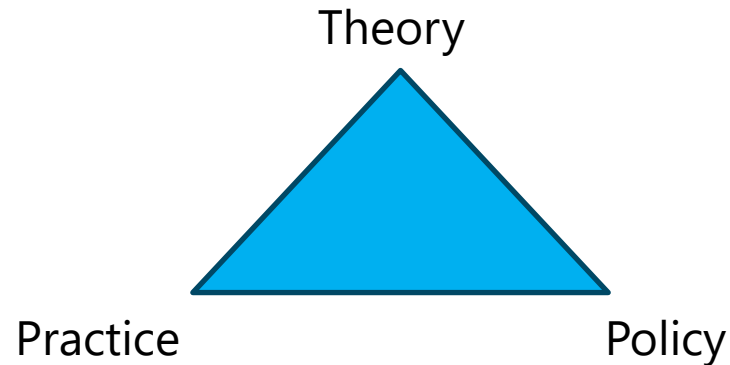
Assessment 1 - Unpacked

- Woman's Rights
 - The UK faces many of the same issues as other countries struggling to achieve gender equality: a gender pay gap, job segregation, and cultural sexism.
 - Unfortunately, not everyone believes the UK needs to do more work.
 - According to one survey, 39% of participants believed that men were expected to do “too much” to support gender equality, while 43% believed society was now discriminating against men.
 - Young people, especially boys, face an onslaught of misogynist content online, which affects their views on women and gender equality.
 - On the other hand, 51% of survey participants said there were actions they could do to promote gender equality, while 47% expressed optimism about achieving equality within their lifetime.

Assessment 1 – Unpacked



Assessment 1 – Unpacked



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Assessment 1 – Unpacked

- This submission will explore The gender pay gap through a FEMINIST'S LENS...
- Feminism is...
- The Gender pay gap is...
- How has feminism influenced the gender pay gap
 - Why is that important?

Questions

- Do you have any Questions?

Our Sessions for this Module:

- Monday ONLINE via Teams 10-11.30am
- Tuesday ON CAMPUS HG05 9-12am
- Thursday ON CAMPUS CJ06 1-4pm