

ASSIGNMENT #1: DUE IN RECITATION NEXT WEEK AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

PRINT A HARD COPY of your assignment and bring it to Lab.

At the top of your paper include:

YOUR NAME

RECITATION DAY/TIME (Tuesday 9am, Tuesday 10am, or Thursday 9am)

*****NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS will be accepted.
They are due at the beginning of class, NO EXCEPTIONS.*****

If some aspect of this assignment is unclear, please e-mail your ATA or TA as soon as possible so we can clarify it before the assignment is due.

ASSIGNMENT:

This is the **Modified Outline Format** homework assignment. To get you acquainted with the test format, we are giving you a scenario and having you apply it to the first set of the chapters we've covered in class.

In general, you do not need to write more than 3-5 sentences of your own thoughts. Since the major goal of these assignments is to get you familiar with the material and prepared for the test, please answer the question in a manner similar to how you will answer the short answer questions on the test.

This format, which we call "**MODIFIED OUTLINE FORMAT**," consists of **IDENTIFYING** the list and **APPLYING** the concepts to a new scenario.

QUESTION:

1. Hot Stuff is a popular coffee shop located on the hill whose drinks are so delicious you'd swear they are addictive! When the managers of Not So Hot, a competing coffee shop, sneakily try and steal some of Hot Stuff's drink recipes, they discover that the drinks are loaded with cocaine. Not So Hot tells the media and an investigation is launched.
 - A. From Erikson's chapter, **IDENTIFY** the four functions of deviance and **APPLY** all four of them to explain how society is likely to react to this incident.
 - B. Three detectives investigate this case. Each one brings a different perspective to the situation. From lecture, **IDENTIFY** three perspectives (paradigms) on defining deviance and **APPLY** one at a time to explain each detective's take on why the cocaine situation should be defined as deviant.

Modified Outline Format ANSWER KEY

IDENTIFY:

- A. 1. Cohesion, Integration, Solidarity
2. Boundary Maintenance/Definition
3. Social Change
4. Full Employment

APPLY:

1. The cocaine scandal at Hot Stuff provided cocaine awareness to the Boulder community, allowing the citizens and police to define each other in terms of “insiders” and “outsiders” or “us” vs. “them.” Many citizens denounce the cocaine coffee, and come together in solidarity against the deviant community population who seek out the tasty drink. This, in a sense, creates a cultural identity in the community of Boulder, where the majority of citizens are in agreement about the dangers and problems associated with cocaine coffee.

2. Before cocaine was discovered in the coffee at Hot Stuff, the people of Boulder did not know much about the drug. After its existence was revealed and further publicized by the media, there is now much attention drawn to the drug and its effects on the citizens of Boulder. With new knowledge of the drug, boundaries concerning the use of cocaine coffee have been set in the community, defining what is acceptable in terms of various behaviors and attitudes. However, this boundary of deviance concerning cocaine coffee is always subject to change, as it is relative to time, place, and consequences.

3. After discovering the cocaine in the coffee at Hot Stuff the people of Boulder were abhorred at the thought that citizens were becoming addicted to cocaine. They began setting up community activist groups to fight the use of coffee cocaine and set up new laws to deter use. However, as time passed, the people of Boulder realized that cocaine coffee was a great motivator and if used in moderation wasn't that dangerous. Lobby groups began to fight for the freedom to use cocaine coffee and eventually it became a normal presence in Boulder's middle-class society.

4. While the Boulder community has come to accept cocaine coffee in its legal form, given out in rations to ensure moderate use, a new underground ring of coffee cocaine distributors has emerged in Boulder and the surrounding areas. Because of this new criminal element, the Boulder Police Department must hire many new recruits providing jobs for many local residents. There is also an increase in cocaine addiction rates due to the more powerful cocaine coffee concocted in Boulder's seedy underground. This forces the community to build numerous rehab clinics and prisons providing much needed employment for the residents of Boulder.

IDENTIFY:

- B.1. Absolutist
2. Relativist
3. Social Power

APPLY:

1. The Absolutist detective would define Hot Stuff's actions as deviant because they violate general norms and values that apply to mankind as a whole. According to the detective, regardless of time, place or people involved, cocaine in coffee is an abomination of certain beliefs and practices that are inherent in all human beings and are absolutely unchanging and unyielding to time or circumstance.

2. The Relativist detective would define the cocaine incident as deviant only because the people most affected by it did not want to be exposed to it and it violated the norms and values of that particular time and place. Had this incident happened somewhere where it did not threaten to turn young children in to junkies but instead where recreational drug use was accepted, such an occurrence would be acceptable.

3. The Social Power detective would view this incident as deviant because the majority of the community (middle class citizens) publicly frowns on cocaine and its use. Furthermore, the cocaine incident clearly violates certain laws enacted by the powers that be, very obviously labeling the actions of Hot Stuff and deviant and illegal.