

- I. Chapter One
  - A. Thinking About Social Problems
- II. Your first 30 points
  - A. What is the Natural history of Social Problems
  - B. What is the first stage? Explain
  - C. What is stage 2 and 3? Explain
  - D. Stage 4? 5? 6? Explain all.
- III. Index of Social Health - Fordham University Annual Study
  - A. Cumulative – 16 social problems
  - B. Social health – declined between 1970 and 2005
  - C. 6 indicators have improved since 1970
    - 1. Infant mortality rates
    - 2. Teenage drug abuse
    - 3. High school dropouts
    - 4. Poverty rates, 65+
    - 5. Homicides
    - 6. Alcohol-related traffic fatalities
  - D. 10 indicators have worsened since 1970
    - 1. Child poverty
    - 2. Child abuse
    - 3. Teenage suicide
    - 4. Unemployment
    - 5. Wages
    - 6. Health insurance coverage
    - 7. Out-of-pocket health costs, 65+
    - 8. Food stamp coverage
    - 9. Affordable housing

10. Income inequality

IV. C. Wright Mills

A. Personal Troubles

B. Public Issues

V. What is a Social Problem?

A. Social Problem

1. Objective element

a. "Here is what the issue is/statistic shows/et cetera.."

2. Subjective element

a. "Is this a problem?"

VI. Variability of Definitions

A. Differences in values, beliefs

1. Within societies

2. Between societies

3. Over time

VII. Social Structure

A. Institutions

B. Social Groups

1. Primary

2. Secondary

C. Statuses

1. Ascribed

2. Achieved

D. Roles

1. Guides and predicts behavior