

Soci 6420
Short Essay #1: Class
Due Tuesday, September 6

Assignment

In a concise essay (no more than 5 double-spaced pages), please do the following:

1. Explain what Marxists mean when they talk about “classes.”
2. Explain why Marxists think that class conflict is inevitable.
3. Use an example (perhaps the Northwest Airlines strike) to illustrate your arguments.
4. Highlight one weakness of the Marxist approach by identifying some aspect of your example that it does not explain well.

Note: Although you may require a little more space to do some of these things and a little less space to do others, please try to give each point roughly equal attention.