

Soci 6420

**Short Essay #2: Class from an Everyday and a Weberian Perspective
Due Thursday, September 29**

Assignment

In a concise essay (no more than 5 double-spaced pages), discuss everyday usage of the word “class” from a Weberian perspective. In particular, please answer the following questions:

1. To what extent are Weber’s ideas about class, status, and party incorporated into everyday discussions of “class”? (For example, what do people seem to mean when they say they are “middle class”?)
2. How would using Weber’s more precise vocabulary improve everyday discussions of “class”? (How, for instance, would it make it easier to explain how people attain or defend their location in the social hierarchy or the difference between people like Oprah, Ted Kennedy, and Hugh Heffner?)