Sociological Life Into Perspective

Sociology- systematic study of human society and social interaction

Sociologists study societies and social interactions to develop theories about
● How behavior is shaped by group life
● How group life is afflicted by individuals

Society- a large social grouping that shares the same geographical territory, subject to the same political authority and dominant cultural expectations

We are affected by global interdependence, a relationship in which all of the people are intertwined.

Suicide occurs every 17 minutes
● Men are 4x likely to kill themselves
● More likely to happen to teens/young adults
● As a personal issue
   ○ Suicide = result of a personal problem

Emile Durkheim
Suicide = public health issue

Anomie (strain in society) - when society is falling apart, the people themselves fall apart
● Social control becomes ineffective as a result of shared values and sense of purpose in society

Whites have less of a family structure
● Leads to nobody to talk to

“Social Facts” - patterned way of acting/thinking/feeling that exist outside any individual but exert social control

Global Sociological Imagination
Intertwined
● Understanding diversity and developing tolerance for people who are different from us is important for our personal, social, and economic well-being
● Nations intertwined with the future of other nations on economic, political, environmental, and humanitarian levels

High income countries