Final for Current Topics in Psychological Anthropology — corrected

Due Monday, June 12, by 4:00pm in the Anthropology Department Office, 341 Haines.

Use the time & date stamping machine on the counter and then put your paper in the box labelled “Psych Anthro 135b Finals”.

Assignment: Read this New York Times story:

Use two of the theories you have learned in this course to explain the phenomena reported in this NYT story. Cite appropriate readings where relevant to your use of the theories.

Guidelines

• Make a clear, cogent, specific claim, showing how your application of the theory is directly based upon the text and our course materials. Make a definite argument, including a thesis statement in the introduction.

• Answer the question in light of the course lectures, readings, and discussions in 4–5 pages.

• Write this paper as if you were explaining it to a peer in this class. They are relatively aware of the theoretical ideas, but you should explain the concepts briefly and give examples.

Requirements

• Give your essay an appropriate, meaningful title, and put your name, TA’s name, and section letter. Your essay should be no less than 4 and no more than 5 pages; it should be double-spaced, paginated, pages stapled together, with your name on each page. Use Times New Roman, 12pt. font, 1-inch margins all around. Make sure you have proofread the paper at least twice. Do not submit an unedited paper.

• Cite all sources. Citation format is not crucial, so long as it is complete and consistent. Source citations and references at the end does not count toward the 4-page minimum or the 5-page maximum.

• At the bottom of the paper, paste in and sign the following statement (it does not count in the 4 pages minimum or the 5 page maximum):

“This essay is entirely my own work, except where sources for text or ideas are clearly cited. I understand that it is plagiarism to use anyone else’s work without citation, and that plagiarism is inconsistent with honest scholarship. I acknowledge that if I plagiarize I will receive a zero for this essay and will be referred to the Dean for disciplinary action.”

Your essay is due on paper in the Anthropology Department Office, 341 Haines. Use the machine on the counter to date and time stamp your paper, then place it in the “Psych Anthro Final” box on the counter. Late essays will not be accepted; the box will be removed at 4:00pm sharp. So print early and get to Haines early.
Have fun with this, think creatively, and learn a lot writing it. That’s the point of the assignment!