**SOCIOLOGY AGENDA**

**JANUARY 8-21**

Welcome back and welcome to Sociology. To begin our semester and study of Sociology, we will examine the fundamental principle of Sociology. Unlike Psychology, where one studies the behavior of the individual, Sociology concentrates on group behavior. However, it is reasonable to conclude that group behavior and views impact individual behavior and views, hence the term *Social-Psychology*.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please utilize the following activity schedule to organize yourself AND your group. This schedule as well as each activity is posted on the class website. Also, remember we have a three-day week this week, a four-day week next week, and another four-day week the following week. The first days and weeks of the semester will go by fast, therefore it is imperative to keep up with the activity schedule as well as read and annotate chapter 1 in your textbook (sections 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3).

**GROUPTHINK ACTIVITY**

1. Groupthink activity begins – **Wednesday January 8**
   * ***Homework:*** questions 1-3 **due tomorrow at start of class** – **Thursday January 9**
     + Turn in responses to class slot before continuing with group work.
   * Groupthink activity “group” work – **due Friday at start of class – January 10**
     + After oral presentations, turn in all work – stapled into class slot.

**THE INFLUENTIAL POWER OF GROUPS**

1. Critical Thinking: Deconstruction, Reconstruction, Reflection, and Communication: *The Influential Power of Groups* begins – **Monday, January 13**
   * The following tasks on the activity sheet and dates will be adhered to:
     + *Deconstruction* (individual responses) **due: Tuesday, January 14 at start of class**
     + *Reconstruction and reflection*: **Tuesday, January 14**
     + *Communication and collaboration*: Your group may work on this task **Wednesday and Thursday, January 16 and 17**

* Presentations due at the start of class or before **– Tuesday, January 21**
* Oral presentations begin – **Tuesday, January 21**