**Instructions**

Take time to observe the level of diversity in your community (I live in Texas where we have a lot of immigration problems)). Pay attention to the different groups of people and the activities they partake in. Diversity can be observed everywhere, from your work environment to attending church, to the weekly errands that you must complete. Did you observe any instances where diversity was disrespected; or did you sense a level of respect in a specific situation? Have you visited a senior citizen center or nursing home? Have you visited a school? Note how these populations may be treated differently from the general population. Keep these notes as you may need them in preparing this week’s assignment

After analyzing the diversity of your selected community, address the following in a discussion posting:

* How would you describe the diversity of your selected community? (Texas, Hispanics (Mexicans)
* Are there identifiable neighborhoods and/or ethnic enclaves?
* What types of faith communities exist?
* Are there any intentional (planned) communities, specifically those designed to create a cohesive neighborhood such as active older adults?
* Can you explain how an increase in diversity within a community can be a positive influence?

Length: 250-300 words

Your response should demonstrate thoughtful consideration of the ideas and concepts presented in the course by providing new thoughts and insights relating directly to this topic. Your response should reflect scholarly writing and current APA standards where appropriate.

Then, prepare a report on the sense of diversity in your community

Analyze your selected community in terms of these elements. Also, note if the community you studied included members from diverse backgrounds. How do you perceive the level of diversity affecting a sense of community? Focus on the needs and abilities of these diverse groups. Be sure to keep your responses neutral and free from bias. Provide specific findings, examples, or observations to support your response.  
  
Support your report with at least five peer-reviewed research articles published in the past 5 years. In addition to these specified resources, other appropriate scholarly resources, including seminal articles, may be included.  
  
Length 3-4 pages, not including title and reference pages. Remember to keep a copy of your assignment for incorporation into your Signature Assignment.  
  
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