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**Deviance**  
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**TERM PAPER INFORMATION:**

This paper is designed to test your ability to research and then cogently and coherently organize an argument related to a particular form of deviance.

**Format:**

The text of your paper should be no more than ten pages double-spaced (but your references may go beyond this). I would advise you to divide your paper into *sub-headings*. This encourages you to logically organize your essay and focus your arguments in a concise fashion. The following sequence is suggested:

- (1) *Introductory Paragraph (Introduce topic and describe how paper will be laid out);*
- (2) *Introduce the background literature, identify controversies, and select a key issue that emerges;*
- (3) *Frame this key issue in terms of a thesis statement (i.e. the position you will be taking)*
- (4) *A data section where you critically consider the arguments and research data on both sides of this issue*
- (5) *A reasoned conclusion that relates to your discussion in (4)*

I would prefer that you use *endnotes* as your form of citation whenever referencing books and articles. These are exactly like footnotes except that they appear sequentially on a separate page entitled "References" following the text of your paper. Following this, include a full bibliography of all the sources you use, arranged alphabetically. See the attached "citation guide" for more details.

Make sure that you indicate your name, student number and e-mail address on the front of your paper.

For anything higher than an average grade, you will have to do some research over and above the course materials that have been provided. Furthermore, I am looking for *analytical*

rather than descriptive work. Beyond your understanding and *critical analysis* of your topic, please be aware that *I mark for spelling, grammar, and overall clarity of presentation.*

As indicated during the first class, this year *I am offering a 10% bonus mark on your term paper based on the originality of your topic.* In doing so, I am attempting to both avoid receiving numerous papers on the same “standard” or “conventional” deviance topics, as well as cut down the chance of receiving “recycled” papers. You may start getting ideas by looking at stories in the media, on the internet, or by perusing some of the books I have placed on reserve, particularly:

Beaman: New Perspectives on Deviance

Bereska: Deviance, Conformity, and Social Control in Canada

Rubington and Weinberg: Deviance: The Interactionist Perspective

Lawrence Salinger (Ed.) Annual Editions: Deviant Behavior 00/01

Thio, Calhoun, and Conyers: Readings in Deviant Behavior

I am particularly interested in novel topics related to social (as opposed to criminal) deviance. If, after perusing the above, you still have difficulty in choosing a topic, please talk to me after class.

As stated in the course outline, this essay is worth 40 percent of your final grade. **It is due no later than Wednesday, November 18, 2009.** You may hand your paper in to me personally, or put it under my office door (A-4049C) any time up to and including 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 18. *After that time, I will deduct 10 percent of the grade per day that the paper is late, unless you produce a doctor's note or give other satisfactory evidence for the lateness of your work.*

**SOC 3290: Deviance**  
**Citation Guide**

In preparing your papers, the following are examples for how to cite sources.

**1. Books by one or more authors:**

Becker, Howard

1963 *Outsiders: Studies in the Sociology of Deviance*. Glencoe: The Free Press.

Glaser, Barney, and Strauss, Anselm L.

1967 *The Discovery of Grounded Theory: Strategies for Qualitative Research*.  
Chicago: Aldine

**2. Academic Journals:**

Blanchard, GERALD

1987 "Male Victims of Child Sexual Abuse: A Portent of Things to Come." *Journal of Independent Social Work*, 1(1) Fall: 19-27.

Broussard, Sylvia D., and Wagner, William G.

1988 "Child Sexual Abuse: Who Is to Blame?" *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 12: 563-69.

**3. Articles in Edited Books:**

Clark, Candace

1990 Emotions and Micropolitics in Everyday Life: Some Patterns and Paradoxes of APlace. In *Research Agendas in the Sociology of Emotions*, ed. Theodore D. Kemper. New York: SUNY Press.

Wortman, Camille B., and Lehman, Darrin R.

1983 "Reactions to Victims of Life Crises: Support Attempts that Fail" *In Social Support: Theory, Research and Applications*, ed. Irwin G. Sarason and Barbara R. Sarason, Boston: Martinus Nijhoff.

As I noted, I would like you to use *endnotes* as your form of citation. These are like footnotes, but appear on a separate page at the end of your paper entitled *References*. These should look something like this:

**References:**

1. Stephen J. Pfohl, *Images of Deviance and Social Control: A Sociological History* (2nd ed.)

(New York: McGraw-Hill Inc., 1994). at p.350-60.

2. Edwin M. Schur, Labeling Deviant Behavior  
(New York: Harper and Row, 1971), at p.10.

3. Ibid, p.11.

4. Pfohl (Supra), at p.370.

The first two citations above represent initial references to a particular book and page. The third reflects a subsequent citation to the book immediately above. The fourth is an example of what you should do when you refer to a book you cited earlier, but not immediately before this citation.

In Word or Wordperfect, you may create endnotes from the “insert” options on the toolbar. Note I am looking for endnotes, not footnotes. This option appears when you click on footnotes.

Finally, at the very end of your paper, I expect a *separate* bibliography where all of the sources you list in your paper (books, journals, and edited texts) are to be repeated, in *alphabetical* order by the last name of the author(s). This is to begin on a separate page following your endnotes. The following is an example:

**Bibliography:**

Becker, Howard

1963 *Outsiders: Studies in the Sociology of Deviance*. Glencoe: The Free Press.

Berg, Bruce L.

1995 *Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences*. (2nd ed.) Needham Heights, Mass: Allyn & Bacon.

Blanchard, GERALD

1987 "Male Victims of Child Sexual Abuse: A Portent of Things to Come."  
*Journal of Independent Social Work*, 1(1) Fall: 19-27.

- and so on -

P.S. Internet sources are to be cited by giving the author, year, title, and www address.