

# SOC381: SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, STIS, AND SCIENTIFIC MEASUREMENT

Notes for September 10<sup>th</sup> Class

# ARRANGEMENTS

- Examples of submitted writing assignments will be discussed next week
- Starting today, I will be experimenting with a new 3-phase "seminar" format
  - 1. Classes will commence with student groups designing analysis based on reading
  - 2. I will conduct analysis while students take break
  - 3. We will re-convene to discuss results of analyses

## NEXT WEEK

- We will screen documentary on Kinsey's research next week (not this week)
- Students should do reading on deficiencies of Kinsey's work and Johnson et al.'s example of Modern Studies of Sexual Behavior in Populations
- Students may SKIM technical details of sample design in Johnson et al.

# BREAKOUT GROUPS

- Choose a volunteer to record and report on Group's conclusions
- To encourage your discussions, I will NOT be sitting in on groups
- **HOWEVER**, if you have questions, I will be monitoring CHAT on ZOOM

# QUESTION

- Why do you think reported sexual activity among young and middle aged adults has declined in both the USA and UK?
  - What do you think of the reasons suggested by the authors
  - What factors would you explore BEYOND the authors' speculations
  - Using the GSS index, identify variables we could use to explore your speculations

## SEMINAR RULES

- All discussions must be respectful of the privacy of your fellow students
- It is never appropriate to discuss you own sexual experiences
- It is never appropriate to ask a seminar participant about their sexual experiences, beliefs, or feelings