

Written exam, spring 2015

KRIM 2954 Cultural and Narrative Criminology

Date of exam: 4 may at 10:00 (four hours)

Part 1

Answer shortly two out of three questions below (spend about an hour on this part).

1. What is a neutralization (Sykes and Matza)? Explain and give a short example.
2. What is the power paradox (Presser)? Explain and give a short example.
3. What is an apocalyptic narrative (Smith)? Explain and give a short example.

Part 2

Answer more in depth the question below (spend about three hours on this part).

How can studying this extract from an interview with an 18 year old Norwegian woman help us understand the sexual boundary work of young females? Provide examples of analysis and use concepts you have learned on this course when answering:

“I’m not one of those girls who walk around taking anyone. I’m not someone who just hooks up, as they say. I don’t see the celebration as an opportunity to get laid, I don’t. To be completely honest, I think it’s completely ridiculous, pathetic! I’m more like, [I] want to make memories with my friends and just have lots of fun. I’m not criticizing those who choose to do it that way. But I would not have done it myself. I just don’t see any dignity in it. I have a friend who was just completely wild during the celebration. Right? I don’t judge her in any way. But I would not have done it myself.”

BEST OF LUCK!

