SOCI 3005B First Paper

You have a choice for each of the mid-term assessments (Fall and Winter term): you can **either** do this essay or pick the take-home exam option. I will make the take-home questions available through cuLearn one week before the exam is due.

If you choose to do this paper paper, worth 20% of your mark for this class, is must be between five and seven pages long, double-spaced, typed in a 12-pt "normal" font (such as Times or Garamond) and must be submitted through the assignment link on CULearn. Please see the "General Instructions for Essays" document.

We are doing anonymous marking for this assignment. Make sure you put only your student number on the assignment, not your name.

Question:

Pick one of your own QFCs – it could be one that you realize was totally off-base, one that you thought was awesome, or one connected to a text you thought was particularly generative. If necessary, revise your question in light of our discussion in class on the text you discussed. Answer your own question, making sure that you explain to the reader:

1. Why is this quote particularly useful as a way "in" to the text at hand? What makes this point important to the theorist you are discussing?
2. What is your interest in this question/text/quote? Why do you care about it?
3. What do you want your reader to believe or understand by the end of your essay? What are three reasons that we would believe or understand that?

To aim for with this paper:

I would like you to offer a sustained, critical reflection on the text you choose. You should develop a thorough conception of what is going on in the text and present your own views on the question. This does not mean that you simply offer your opinion: you are writing an answer to the question at hand, clearly and charitably representing the text with which you engage. You should be presenting an argument, and I'll expect you to be able to articulate clearly what you're arguing, and to lay out the reasons your reader should agree with your argument. Please see the marking rubric and general instructions for more detail.

You are welcome to use any of the work you read as part of the class, but please check with me before bringing in any other secondary sources. That is: **your default should be to not use outside sources.** Trust your own insight and smarts, and every time you want to turn to the internet instead turn back to the primary text, or contact me or Blake for help.

Due date: **November 24th, 11:59pm (**Papers must submitted through cuLearn.)