Sociology 1001, Spring 2005
Short Reports

Based on real experiences as a social observer using your sociological imagination, you’ll write ONE short reports describing and analyzing your experiences and evidence. The report will be 3-4 typed, double-spaced pages using a standard 12-point font and 1 inch margins.

- Deviance and Social Control
Select a norm that is part of your everyday life and clearly state what that norm is. Now violate that norm in two different settings when there are other people present. Observe and record the reactions that you get to your norm violations. Please be sure to do this activity in a way that is safe, legal, and ethical.

In your report, first describe what you did and the norm you violated and how the settings in which you violated the norm are different from each other. Discuss the responses you observed to your norm violation and how you felt while breaking this social rule. Next, analyze the responses to your deviance using ideas and concepts from course materials (e.g., readings, discussions, and lectures). In what ways did others engage in social control that was directed at your norm violation? What similarities and differences did you observe in social control responses across the different settings and why are they important? What do you think these social control responses indicate about the roles and significance of norms, deviance, and conformity in everyday life?

Deviance and Social Control Report DUE March 8.