Sociology 125 Lecture 2
WHAT KIND OF A SOCIETY IS “AMERICAN SOCIETY”?
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1. TECHNOLOGY

2. THE ECONOMY
   2.1 Capitalism & Hypercapitalism
   2.2 Gigantic Corporations.
   2.3 Extremely weak labor unions.
   2.4 Weak public regulation of the economy
   2.5 Extreme economic inequality.
   2.6 Incredibly Rich economy.
   2.7 Globalization.

3. POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS: LIBERAL DEMOCRACY.
   3.1 Winner-take-all, single member district elections
   3.2 Federal system
   3.3 Grass roots activism
   3.5 Money in Politics

4. MILITARISM AND GLOBAL DOMINATION

5. GENDER RELATIONS: ERODING MALE DOMINATION

6. SOCIAL CLEAVAGE: RACIALLY DIVIDED.

7. IMMIGRATION

8. CULTURE
   • Pluralism
   • Individualism
   • Community
   • Religiosity
   • Commercialism and consumerism.

9. VIOLENCE AND DOMESTIC REPRESSION