Today’s lecture: culture

1. the concept of culture
2. tensions in how culture is treated in sociology
3. cultural capital
4. reactions against dominant cultures or cultural trends the some dislike

“Culture” is the most important concept in contemporary

“Culture” is an important concept for many areas of , as well as a topic of interest for .

colonialism and culture

- colonialism: Western nations establishing and maintaining
- colonialism raised question of where to look to understand how the different peoples of the world could be so
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2. h
the concept of “culture”

- “culture” had earlier been used to refer to the
- Two changes in its modification to current usage
  1. no longer confined to
  2. exists (not just )

3 components of culture

i (what people )

p (what people )

m ( )

everyone: marriage
to what extent does culture social structure (for example, the economic system) and to what extent does cultural change social structure?


culture gets inside you
- norms: social rules about
- internalization is far from but still remarkable
the (in)coherence of culture

- A pervasive tendency has been to exaggerate the
  3 different ways:
  1. Boundaries between
  2. Members of a culture
  3. Individuals

subcultures

- subculture: relatively distinct

- imagine some of the different bases for subcultures by thinking about
  --the experience of
  many report
  upon being placed in an unfamiliar culture

: the idea
  that acquiring upper- or middle-class manners, tastes, and values can
Bourdieu, *Distinction*

“Taste classifies, and it classifies the classifier.”

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“musical tolerance” and education in the USA

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... o culture (also called ): groups whose beliefs, values, and behaviors are formed
“arguments and why they are regarded with skepticism by most sociologists

(this also connects to the earlier discussion of culture and social structure)

debates about the extent to which new immigrant groups should strive/be urged to the values and practices of or strive/be helped to maintain

r and g have been accused of leading to:

- tendency for cultures to some societies make active efforts to preserve against these forces of