

Week 4 Discussion: Social Mobility

Required Resources

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Textbook: Chapter 7, 8
- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 outside scholarly source

Initial Post Instructions

Think of a person you know (either yourself, someone you know, or even a famous person with, perhaps a "rags to riches" story) who has experienced significant upward or downward mobility over the past three or four generations.

For the initial post, address the following:

- **Option 1:** Briefly describe the person (and be sure to respect confidentiality of others and, as always, remember to be respectful of potentially sensitive information, and remember there is no guarantee of privacy). Describe the person's significant upward or downward mobility over the past three or four generations. How do you think the person's values and behavior might differ had the person experienced the opposite pattern of mobility?
- **Option 2:** Briefly describe the person (and be sure to respect confidentiality of others and, as always, remember to be respectful of potentially sensitive information, and remember there is no guarantee of privacy). Describe the person's significant upward or downward mobility over the past three or four generations. How might experiences have been different had the person's family been of a different ethnic or racial origin?

Follow-Up Post Instructions

Respond to at least two peers or one peer and the instructor. Further the dialogue by providing more information and clarification and/or include perspectives from outside scholarly sources shared in the discussion forum by classmates and/or the instructor.

Answer

The majority of those living in the United States are either immigrants or their ancestors came as immigrants with the idea they would live the "American Dream." Each generation strives to do better for themselves than the generation before, obtain "More material possessions and wealth than family members in the preceding generation," and "have a higher standard of living than that of its parents," (Kendall, 2016, pg 191). My family has been no exception to this way of thinking. My grandpa grew up in Germany to working-class parents who made enough to get