

## **Week 1 Discussion: Social Causes of Suicide**

### **Required Resources**

Read/review the following resources for this activity:

- Lesson
- Minimum of 1 outside scholarly source

### **Initial Post Instructions**

Sociologist C. Wright Mills preferred to call the sociological perspective **the sociological imagination**, and he saw it transforming personal troubles into public issues. Let us begin our discussion this week by considering suicide, which is thoroughly explored in Chapter 1 of the textbook.

For the initial post, address the following:

- How does the sociological imagination help to examine private acts such as suicide within a larger societal context?
- What are some examples of social forces influencing youth suicide trends in the United States, suicide trends in India, and suicide trends in the U.S. military?
- Use the sociological imagination to explain your observations, and how the sociological imagination helps us consider the causes and possible solutions to suicide.

### **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.