

Student Name

SOCS 185

### **SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION ASSIGNMENT**

A personal problem that I face is that I'm covered in tattoos. I have a total of 36 tattoos. I have two sleeves and bunch of ink on my legs as well. Which isn't very normal for a girl but would be normal for a tattoo model. The larger social issue is that people treat me like I'm some form of disease or think that I'm a dead-beat drug addict. Everyone currently wants acceptance but can't even accept an individual like me and judge me based on what they see.

The reason the situation occurs is because there has been a stereotype placed on individuals who have tattoos that be a small amount or even like myself a ton of tattoos. Based on history individuals who had tattoos were individuals who served in the military and those soldiers had dealt with some rough situations while in the service and it was a scary thing. Now let's move a little bit further in history gang members were covered in ink or it was also those who were rebelling against whatever is going on in life or may have wanted to stick out and be different. Then there is the fact that people within prison that come out covered in ink. So, if you have ink it was assumed you had been in prison.

Then the next would be that individuals who had drug addiction were covered in ink. Then finally a personal thing I had to face is the fact I was raised catholic and to them I had destroyed my body and should be ashamed. Now based on several of those examples those are partly the reason why judgement exists in regards to tattoos. One other one would be the fact that it is different and scary to some because it's not what they have been raised around or is very uncommon for them to see. All those factors placed a heavy weight and judgement on what tattoos really mean.

And because of all those judgements I'm very rarely accepted by different groups of people and fit in with those who are just like me in regards to tattoos. Which in my opinion sucks because I like to get to know everyone and I'm an accepting person no matter what background you come from. I understand why the stereotype exists because like even today with everything going on and the chaos that is currently going on you just realize that no matter what people are judgmental and fear full of change or differences. Now what people don't know about me behind the ink is the fact that I have an ASA in IT and currently working to get my BA in Computer Software and I have worked in the medical field within the IT industry. That's a very hard profession to get into and grow as an individual.