**Lesson 9 Discussion**. In 250 words or 1 page

Defining “institutional racism” is sometimes difficult for people, but it affects our present-day American existence. The video above is an attempt to provide a visual representation of how American history has created a need to achieve equity in modern times. Using the videos, name some of the obstacles that have contributed to unequal opportunities in the United States. (Please note: Affirmative Action and implicit bias will be discussed at a later date within this course). How might these obstacles relate to your profession, either now or in the future?

**LESSON 10**

Using our sociological imagination can allow trained professionals the opportunity to solve structural issues in American society. Keeping this in mind, please address the following issues.

· Select an example of a “private trouble” and

· What factors/evidence would you use to explain how and why it may reflect a structural problem in society?

· What are some potential solutions to this problem, both for the individual and the group to which they belong?

· Which theoretical perspective lens would you apply to solve this issue: functionalism, conflict theory, or symbolic interactionism? Why?

Please use standard APA format for headings and citations to address the following writing prompt. Your response should be a minimum of two pages, but no more than four pages (unless you have instructor approval).

Please use academic journals, course text, and/or scholarly articles to support your claim.

Objectives:

To understand the social structures of oppression and discrimination, as well as the strategies of change that promote social and economic justice.

**READING RESOURCES**

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/cochise-sociology-os/chapter/the-feminist-perspective/>

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/social-identities-and-systems-oppression>

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/cochise-sociology-os/chapter/the-feminist-perspective/>

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMms2025396>

<https://courses.lumenlearning.com/cochise-sociology-os/chapter/institutional-prejudice-or-discrimination/>

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Graduate School of Social Work - DU. (2018, March 26). *Power Privilege and Oppression* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTDikx-maoM>

www.Tarbia.TV. (2016, February 9). *The Unequal Opportunity Race: White Privilege? Institutional Racism?* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_A1JKJ506o>