

Community Social Work Assessment Assignment Guidelines

30 Points



Journalist perspective

- Interpreting the census data
- Analyzing the information
- Analyzing Observations about community
- Including being able to write from “Strengths Perspective”



Geographic Boundaries 2pts

- Lines that divide a neighborhood
- mountains
- Rivers
- Freeway
- city line
- Voting district



Historical Data – 4pts

- History of
 - Indigenous people
 - Spanish colonization
 - European colonization
 - To recent populations
- Current Historical period
 - 21st Century



U.S. Census Demographic – 4pts

- Data and Interpretation
 - Size of population
 - Ethnic/racial
 - Age
 - Sex descriptors
 - Economic indicators
 - Income
 - Unemployment
 - etc



Important Economic Institutions- 3pts

- Actual or Potential impact on Community
- Community Assets Inventory:
 - Key entities (resources) that comprise target area
 - individuals, groups, associations, organizations, facilities, institutions, etc. (e.g., businesses, agencies, social groups, cultural organizations, neighborhood groups, civic organizations, coalitions, religious institutions, institutions of higher education, schools, libraries, public servantry facilities, health care institutions, banks, foundations, corporations.)



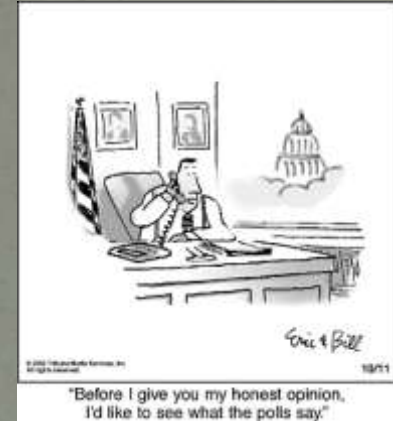
Voting District Lines - 2 pts

- Federal
- State
- County
- City (unless unincorporated)



Government Structures (National, State, County, City systems) – 3pts

- Names of government officials
 - Senators in Congress
 - State Representatives
 - Board of Supervisors members,
 - City Council members
 - Choose one city council member : **political affiliation** (if voted by party), if known, her/his **social group membership** (i.e., ethnicity, race, gender, age, sexual orientation, etc.) and information on his or her **ideological and political track record, and voting on social issues**



Identify Important agencies – 3pts

- County
- City
- Non profit human service
- Only 5



Describe community flavors – 4pts

- Social
- Religious
- Cultural
- Racial
- Ethnic
- The significant relationships of this community to other nearby communities (i.e., rivalries, gang violence, cooperation, etc.), major method of transportation, and the civic and/or political organizations of the community



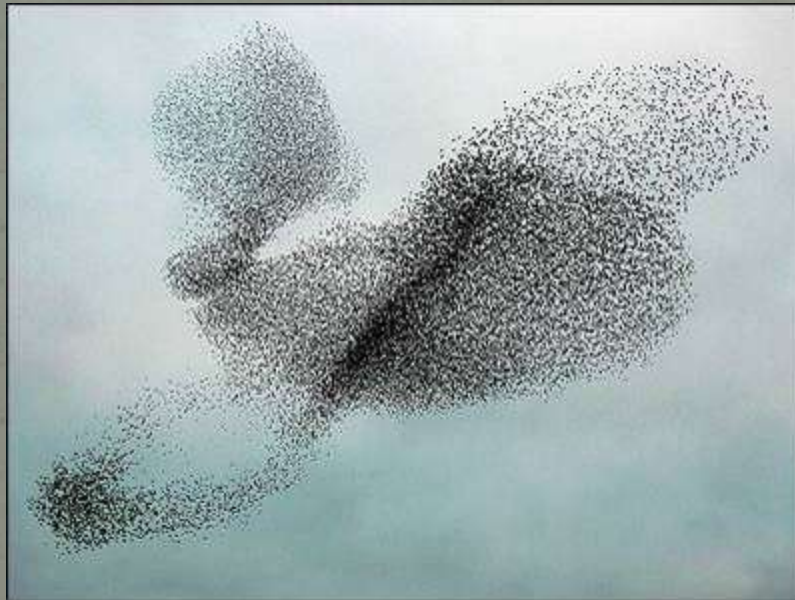
Integrate into analysis– 5pts

- Has this community gone through any major changes?
- What are the community power centers (e.g., political or leadership figures or institutions that hold power)?
- Are major key decisions affecting life in the community made within the community or by outside decision makers? If evident, include information on the leadership in your community.
- Is there ongoing tension between various racial, ethnic, socioeconomic or other groups in the area?
- What are the challenges/deficits and strengths of this community?
- What appear to be some of the basic value systems in the community? This often relates to visible cultural activities of the community (e.g., Celebration of the Chinese New Year, Dias de los Muertos march).
- Do these values vary significantly with different groups in the community?
- Explain, on what basis do you reach your conclusion?



Summary Conclusion

- Overall impression of this Community of everything you have written



Number of pages

- No less than 6 full pages
- Not to exceed 7 pages in length
- Including Front and Reference pages.

