Project #5 – CHAPTERS 16 and 17

You have a choice of one of the following projects. Each project has a written component, requiring at least one outside source (peer-reviewed or popular). Your written paper is due the day of the quiz and should be at least 2 pages long.

1. This project involves researching and reporting on THREE different drug abuse prevention brochures and other pamphleted information available on drug treatment. You need to find three different drug abuse prevention brochures and other pamphleted information available on drug treatment and report the following:
   a. Describe each of the drug abuse prevention brochures you obtained.
   b. Identify if the material pertains to primary, secondary or tertiary prevention, as defined in Chapter 17
   c. After reading and understanding the brochures identify ways in which the pamphlet identifies their target audience and ways in which they could improve in identifying their target audience.

2. This project involves an examination of drug testing in the workplace (or other events, like athletes and performers). You need to research and report on the issues involved in drug testing. Submit an essay addressing the following:
   a. Why might prospective employers want to drug test?
   b. What is the evidence that drug testing results in a better employee?
   c. In your opinion, based on the research, what are the privacy issues involved in drug testing PRIOR to employment.
   d. In your opinion, based on the research, what are the privacy issues involved in random drug testing AFTER employment.
   e. There are some professions which almost everyone agrees drug testing prior to employment and/or random drug tests are necessary. In your opinion, based on the research, which professions should be drug testing and which professions should give the practice up?

3. In this project you will research one of the many pro-drug web sites. You can find these on a search of Google. Report on the following:
   a. Describe the contents of the website
   b. Using your text and at least one outside source, identify the accuracy of the information on the website
   c. In your opinion what effects do you think these kinds of websites have on your own drug attitudes and those of your friends?

4. For this project, make up a list of the 5 most “in” drugs and the 5 most “out” drugs in your immediate experience today. In a written essay, report the following
   a. Research the 5 most “in” drugs of today. Identify how your list compares with a reported list. Be sure to identify how the lists differ and why you think your list may be more accurate for you.
   b. How has this list changed in the last 5 years? (according to the research) Which drugs are waning and which ones are more prevalent today compared to 5 years ago?
   c. What societal effects do you think created a change in the list? (For example, why do you think that cocaine was more popular in 1985 compared to 1990?)
d. Is your prioritization of the most “in” drugs necessitate the most immediate action in terms of drug-abuse control? In your opinion, should we be actively pursuing ways to prevent the use of the drugs at the top of your list as opposed to those at the bottom of your list?
e. Be sure that you consider alcohol and tobacco in your list of the most “in” and “out” drugs.

5. This project is a film project. There will be a film project in each section. You can only do the film project once. Be sure to check and see if this is the film project that you want to do, since you can only do it once during the semester. For this section, you have your choice of any one of the films listed below:

   THIRTEEN  2003
   28 DAYS     2000
   CLEAN AND SOBER  1988

   a. Give a summary of the film.
   b. Identify how the film relates to the section of the class for which you are turning in the project. Be specific, identifying exactly what we discussed in class (or in your text) and how the film portrayed this phenomenon.
   c. How well does the film portray the facts about the drug used in the film? Be sure to be specific and detailed, explaining any aspect of the film that might relate to class.
   d. Find one outside source that also describes the phenomenon displayed in the film. For example, you might find information on drug use in jr. high. Explain how the phenomenon displayed in the film matches the information that you obtained from your outside source.

   ***OR, you can choose a film of your own. CAUTION: If you choose your own film be sure that it complies with the following:

   a. It must relate to the content in this section.
   b. It must be PRIMARILY about drugs. This means that it cannot be a “coming of age” story in which drug use occurs. The film must be about the drug or some aspect of the drug.
   c. Be sure that you give a DETAILED summary. I must be able to determine if the film qualifies for this project and for that I need a detailed summary.
   d. Be sure that you relate it what we have discussed in class or what we have read.