

Study Questions, Week 8

- (1) What is meant by *social control*? What are some forms of social control in U.S. society?
- (2) What is the difference between *conformity* and *obedience*? What are some positive and negative effects of conformity and obedience?
- (3) What is meant by *deviance*? What does it mean to say sociologists consider deviance to be relative?
- (4) What is meant by *stigma*? What effects might stigmas have on individuals? On society?
- (5) What role do social groups play in creating deviance? In creating social control?
- (6) Contrast functionalist, interactionist and conflict approaches to understanding deviance and social control. What are some theories provided by each approach?
- (7) What did Stanley Milgram learn about deviance and social control in his studies of negative reinforcement and learning?