

Social class as a variable in the intersectionality of IUPUI campus life

Although there are dominant narratives about social class that are reproduced within the culture at large (e.g., poor people are lazy), the specifics of what those narratives mean, how they are understood and enacted, and what they represent varies across contexts.

When studying social class, an [urban university campus] is an important location for examination. College can represent social class mobility for working-class students, especially for working-class students who attend elite institutions because of the possibility of gaining access to exclusive social networks.

Given the current *de facto* class divisions of neighborhoods and cities in the US, many students may come into close contact with people from different social class backgrounds for the first time in college.

Examining issues of class during these transitional phases is especially important because social class can become more noticeable when people are around others from different social class.

An urban university setting also brings together top campus administrators, and a variety of PhD faculty across subjects, ages, color, etc, with students and campus staff, blue-color maintenance/custodial, and food service workers from cooks to dish washers.

The Poor/Working-Class College Students' Challenges and Resiliency Factors Scale
by Rebecca Reed, 2017

<http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/The-poor-and-working-class-college-students-Challenges-and-Resiliency-Factors-Scale.pdf>