

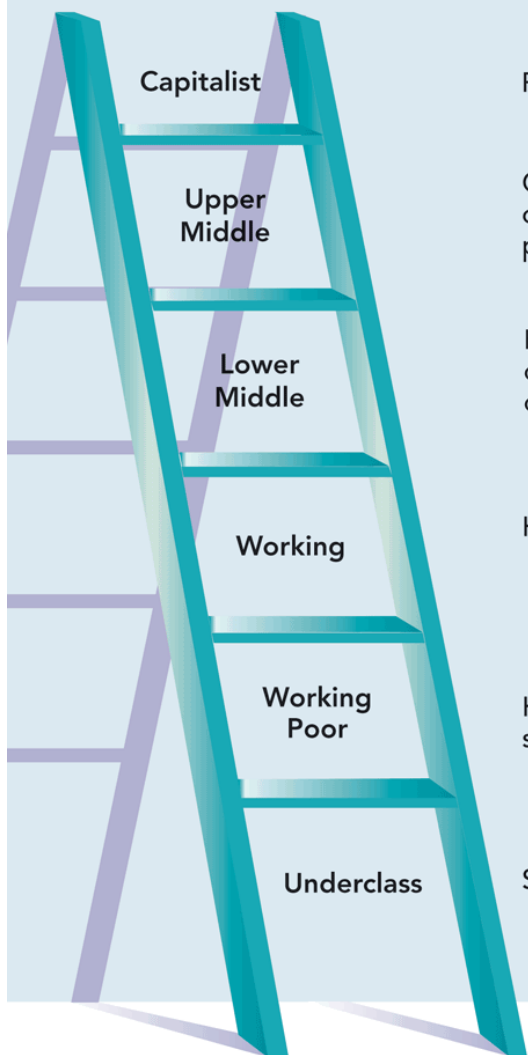
GAME ON!





SOCIAL CLASSES AND FAMILIES





Social Class	Education	Occupation	Income	Percentage of Population
Capitalist	Prestigious university	Investors and heirs, a few top executives	\$1,000,000+	1%
Upper Middle	College or university, often with postgraduate study	Professionals and upper managers	\$125,000+	15%
Lower Middle	High school or college; often apprenticeship	Semiprofessionals and lower managers, craftspeople, foremen	About \$60,000	34%
Working	High school	Factory workers, clerical workers, low-paid retail sales, and craftspeople	About \$36,000	30%
Working Poor	High school or just some high school	Laborers, service workers, low-paid salespeople	About \$19,000	15%
Underclass	Some high school	Unemployed and part-time, on welfare	Under \$12,000	5%

WHAT IS SOCIAL CLASS?

FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE

- Social hierarchy is not only just inevitable, but also necessary
- Absolute equity will take away motivation, which hurt economic growth
- Each individual /family has its position in society, which makes it function well

CONFLICT THEORY

- Social inequality create tension and instability in families and society
- Ultimately it will hurt ALL
- The oppressed will fight for survival, which could lead to revolution

SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONALISM

- Each social class has its own symbols, like their clothing, hobby, behaviors, etc.
- We can distinguish people from different social classes by the “symbols”
- What “symbols” you find in different families in the movie?

MOVIE: *PARASITE*

- Why the movie's name is “parasite”?
- How the life chances are different from among the families depicted in the movie?
- The Ki-taek's family are called “murderers” and “thieves”. Do you think they deserve any sympathy? Why or why not?
- “rich people are nice”. What do you think about this argument?

SOCIAL CLASS & FOOD PROVISIONING

- For low SES parents, why do they fulfill their children's (junk) food request despite their severe financial constraints?
- Why do high SES parents deny their children's request of sweet treat even if they can definitely afford it?
- How does food provisioning reflect the cultures related to the family's socioeconomic statuses?