

Lecture 14: The Nature/Nurture Debate

Notes

Essential Question: How do sociologists think about human nature?

What are some common sense notions we make about human nature

What does "Innate" mean:

What are some of the consequences of these common sense notions?

How might an Innate Human Nature Assumption influence our understanding of society?

What is the Nature/Nurture Debate

—Nature

Biological Determinism (Define)

—Nurture

Social Determinism (Define)

Sociobiology

E. O. Wilson

What is the underlying assumption

What are some critiques?

Social Darwinism

What was the social and historical context

Eugenics: (Define)

How does is the Nature/Nurture debate influenced by politics?

What are some of the debates associated with the book *The Bell Curve*

Claims from the book

Intelligence

Race

Criticisms

1.

2.

3.

Human Genome Project

Findings

Epigenome:

What does "Genetic Influence" Mean

Warrior Gene Myth (Explain)

Write a summary of your notes by answering the Essential Question