**OUTLINE for Discussion**

**The Six Social Institutions**

**1**

The Six Social Institutions ( Clearly define why and how each has been considered as a social isntitution

**2**  
The Six Social Institutions

* Social Institution a social unit integral to the   
  organization and functioning of society.
* Purpose to provide for the needs of society and   
  ensure the survival of man.
* Six Social Institutions Government Religion   
  Family Education Economics and Social Order.

**3**  
The Family

* Basic Social Unit---building block of society.
* Exists to provide for basic needs and wants   
  (protection sustenance child-rearing)
* Primary vehicle for acculturation of young
* nuclear extended single-parent non-traditional
* Most Important Social Institution.

**4**  
Religion

* transmits and sustains culture highest   
  expression of culture.
* teaches and enforces pro-social behaviors
* provides a belief system and organizes the   
  individuals perspective on the world.
* different types of religions pantheism   
  mysticism polytheism monotheism
* Religion binds us into a society.

**5**  
Government

* Def.-political organization authorized to   
  formulate public policies and conduct affairs of   
  state.
* regulates behavior of individuals to reduce   
  conflict and maximize cooperation.
* Government exists to provide for the general   
  welfare of all.
* Democracy Oligarchy Monarchy Fascism

**6**  
Education

* Formal way society acculturates its young
* Survival Skills Citizenship Training.
* Socrates--The Unexamined Life is not worth   
  Living Socratic Method
* Educational Philosophies
* Puritan--drill recite memorize
* Progressive--active engagement
* Inquiry-------learn through questioning

**7**  
Social Order

* Class structure of society
* Organizes people and apportions power resources   
  and responsibilities
* Examples caste system (India) Upper Middle   
  Lower classes (economic)
* E. Digby Baltzell--WASP--elite in the US class   
  structure (but declining)

**8**  
Economics

* Science that deals with the allocation of scarce   
  resources the production and distribution of   
  goods
* Provides the means for society to support itself.
* Is at the root of all human endeavors
* One of the most important social institutions

**9**  
Topics of Discussion

* Which of the Social Institutions is the least   
  important Why
* Which Social Institution is the most important   
  Why
* Why is economics so vital to human survival Why   
  havent you heard of this word before
* What is the special value of Religion

**10**  
Building Blocks of Civilization

* The Six Social Institutions provide for the basic   
  needs of society
* All societies have the 6 Social Institutions
* The Social Institutions ensure human survival and   
  continuity.