**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.