A Reaction Paper is designed to develop and sharpen your critical thinking and writing skills. Your objective in writing this assignment is to define an issue clearly and to formulate and clarify your position on that issue by reacting to a controversial statement. Each of the five papers is worth 4% of the course grade.

The paper must be at least 250-300 words, excluding the title page and reference page, and must adhere to the APA sixth edition writing format. Please reference the APA example given in the Resources section. If your paper does not comply with this format you will lose points. Please see the grading rubric that follows the list of Controversial Statements.

Please cite at least one reference from a website provided in the Webliography and one from your textbook. Please make sure to submit your paper to Turnitin.com. The instructions for Turnitin.com are located under the “Resources” section of your course navigation menu.

Submit to the Dropbox and Turnitin.com no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT.

**Module One**
Controversial Statement: Parenting efforts have nothing to do with predation since genetic propensities of the child may interfere with or not respond to parenting efforts.

**Module Two**
Controversial Statement: Adolescent and adult offenders from dysfunctional homes should not be held accountable for predatory behaviors due to the environmental challenges and influences associated with their current or former homes.

**Module Three**
Controversial Statement: There is no legal definition of sexual homicide and therefore sexual homicide cannot truly be characterized as criminal behavior.

**Module Four**
Controversial Statement: The more common situations of child homicide arise not out of the intent to kill the child; rather it is the end result of harsh punishment. Therefore such offenders should not be handled in criminal courts and the offenses should be criminal offenses, but rather the cases should be handled in juvenile and domestic relations courts.

**Module Five**
Controversial Statement: Individuals who gravitate towards gang involvement are often marginalized from acquiring status in general in society via legitimate means, and their only option is to acquire status through illegitimate means.
Rating:

**Exceptional** corresponds to an A- to A (90-100). Performance is outstanding; significantly above the usual expectations.

**Proficient** corresponds to a grade of B- to B+ (80-89%). Skills and standards are at the level of expectation.

**Basic** corresponds to a C to C+ (70-79%). Skills and standards are acceptable but improvements are needed to meet expectations well.

**Novice** corresponds to a D to C- (50-69%). Performance is weak; the skills or standards are not sufficiently demonstrated at this time.

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