

Dialectical Inquiry Speech Notes: Capital and its Influence on Human Behaviour

- Relating to this lesson's topic on Cultural Capital, I will be talking about how it can largely impact and influence human behaviour towards others. I will be discussing the three types of cultural capital, according to Bourdieu's works and show examples to help bring a better understanding and to support my argument that it does indeed influence human behaviour.
- Barrat discusses that "Owning a computer and being able to use its features are quite different".
- U.S education
- We can identify discount educations, mass-market educations, and luxury educations.
- "Objectified cultural capital can be purchased, but embodied cultural capital takes time and effort to accumulate. You cannot purchase an education like you purchase a painting. "
- Relating back to my argument, this video I am about to show is an example of how objectified cultural capital influences human behaviour towards others.
- As we can see, her behaviour was cold, showing no interest in that guy whatsoever, however after she saw his car, this influenced her to give him a chance as her interests are obviously not in him but his money.
- With embodied cultural capital as discussed by Bourdieu "In the vocational view, the type of embodied capital is concentrated on knowledge and skills with short-term economic value" such as being employable at a specific job for a specific skill set and knowledge base."
- According to Bourdieu- An example of Embodied cultural capital is accents. This video is an example I found that shows how our behaviours can change hearing someone with a different accent.
- As we can see here, I believe hearing someone with a different accent can actually influence the way we may behave around them as, we might want to be more respectful.
- the next example is Institutionalized Cultural capital. As discussed by Barrat taken from Bourdieu
- "Certificates of cultural competence, like diplomas, are the currency of institutionalized cultural capital. U.S. businessmen and businesswomen display their first dollar, and academics display their diplomas, evidence of institutionalized cultural capital, as evidence of success"
- As university students, we are all hoping to graduate by the end of this year to get a degree right? Because in the real world we are competing to get a job we want. And with a degree, this qualification, this piece of paper we get, it is supposed to help us show companies we are qualified.
- This being said I do believe that cultural capital does influence the way we act and think towards others, meaning we are living in a capitalist society.