

Fundamentals
of
Nursing +

Expectations



Drawing Reflection

Sociological imagination is an approach that can be utilized to understanding the correlation between our individual experiences and society and allows individuals to look at different factors that might be contributing to problems they are facing (Cumming, 2020). I chose to represent sociological imagination by drawing a picture of two students who are sitting in the same classroom setting but with different issues on their minds. One student is thinking only about the stress of going through school and how they will manage their workload. This is contrasted with the other student who has other responsibilities on their mind that include balancing school, taking care of the children, and working to support the family.

I wanted to depict that the expectations for both students are similar when it comes to academic achievements but even though both are required to perform at the same level, one of the students has additional obligations. This may look like the student's personal problem, but as a society, there might not be enough resources or programs to aid this student in achieving their goals and that can put the student at a disadvantage. For myself, starting school after having two kids was very difficult because I have had to be present not only for the kids but also balancing that with schoolwork has been very challenging. This situation is not only relevant for me, but for other students who have other responsibilities to fulfill such as work or taking care of family and some students do not have a support system to help them.

This piece allows viewers to look at the bigger picture and understand that there are many more factors at play than just what is presented from the outside. The inability to succeed in school is not only due to personal decisions but also other barriers such as lack of a support system and resources, financial situation as well as any other stressors. It is important as a society to highlight that these two students did not start on an equal footing and perhaps develop

a better understanding of how to evolve in a way that can support any individuals struggling to balance academic and home life. By creating a drawing that relates to my own personal struggles, I was able to obtain a better understanding of different key concepts such as structure and agency and how these shape our actions (Cumming, 2020). This assignment has allowed me to look at my own perspective in assuming that any problems that an individual goes through is due to their own decisions rather than understanding that they are a product of their society.

References

Cumming, S. (2020). *Sociology Unlocked*. Oxford University Press.