

Community in Modern America

Today's Goals

- To understand changing ideas about service and community in US
- Identify key national organizations involved in civic engagement
- Have a little fun with debate
- Get started on your group projects

But first some announcements...

- Remember to check the website online... there is lots of helpful information
- Reminder: If you are going to drop, please do it soon, but I hope you don't!

Let them eat cake!

Any new thoughts on Tuesday's exercise?

Social Capital

- What are some examples of “externalities” of social capital that you have seen and experienced?

- What are some examples of bridging and bonding groups at uci?

- What does it mean for society if financial capital replaces social capital?

Changing ideas about service in US

- What do you think has happened in the US in our thinking about “charity”?
- What has professionalization of service meant?



Figure 8: Average Membership Rate in Thirty-two National Chapter-Based Associations, 1900–1997

Key National Organizations in University Civic Engagement

- Corporation for National and Community Service; www.nationalservice.gov
 - Americorps, Americorps VISTA, Seniorcorps, National Civilian Community Corps, other
- Campus Compact, www.compact.org
 - California Campus Compact, www.cacampuscompact.org
- City Year, www.cityyear.org

And now time for the Rumble....

- While we are watching, make signs with your names on them and let me take a pic of you holding the sign
- WRITE LEGIBLY
- Smile (otherwise, they look like mug shots)

Group Projects

- Spend the next X weeks researching your topic
- Give a 10 – 15 minute group presentation on the topic
 - can be slides, dance, skits, anything you want
 - everyone must participate in the group activity
 - not everyone has to speak for extended periods of time, but everyone must be present and introduce themselves
- 8 groups, 46 students = 5 or 6 per group

Group Projects

- Environmental sustainability and stewardship
- Educational equity and access
- International work and cross-cultural issues
- Hunger
- Homelessness
- Community Health
- Access to arts and culture, diversity and historical and cultural representation
- Leadership
- Youth and elections

Sign Up Now!

- Meet within your groups
- Exchange contact information
- Find a time to meet