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Paper Abstract

One of the big topics that we have been discussing in class has been devoted to role theory. My paper will discuss how role theory applies to our society. The three sources in which I plan to use are:

1. Peter Berger, "Sociological Perspective": this is the main work in which role theory is discussed and where we gained most of our knowledge on it. I can use some examples from the text for explanations of how role theory applies to our society.
2. The Other Wes Moore: I can use this to tell how each Wes was put into a different role in society and each had a different outcome, even though they were from nearly identical backgrounds.
3. How Junk Food Can End Obesity: I can use this to explain how the food corporations are so important and have so much power is because the people give them the role of being the biggest source of food in the country.

I plan to write the paper on role theory because I think it is a concrete theory with many cases of evidence. In my opinion, I believe that role theory does exist in our society. People act the way they do, because society needs people to fill that role, whether it be for better or worse. I am also somewhat unsure as to how I could go about a counterargument for my topic, other than that role theory does not exist.