

Chapter Interaction Paper

Article: Wolcott, Fieldwork (reading 100%) □ Robbins Chapter 7(reading 98%)

The unequal distribution of wealth, status, and privilege, has become a significant problem among the world today, and it has drawn more attention from anthropologists to study and help to improve.

From studies of anthropologists, there are couple of reasons found causing the inequality.

First from social and economical point of view, the current debt system, the tendency to devalue labor, and the persistence of old and new forms of racism, are the major reasons causing economic and social divisions in our society.

Second, from biology's point of view, many researches have influenced people to believe that the current social hierarchies are natural and accept them as they are.

Third, people from lower level of the social hierarchy has found ways to survive, and when facing health and well-being, both people from bottom and top get impacted despite their social statuses.

Last, regarding this problem, many organizations including religious group like Hutterites, are looking for solutions, and more persons in the background of anthropology are contributing to address this problem to a level of human rights.

This problem of inequality really hits me because even myself have been in the same mindset to accept the reality as it is which people in poverty always has a reason to be that way, and admiring success and hardworking people. This problem couldn't solve in human level, the only answer is Gospel which brings life changing.

Questions: 1. How much weight does culture carry in this inequality?

2. what's the best way to share the Gospel to people in poverty?

- One paragraph summary;
- Personal interaction of specific themes in reading with other resources and references.
- Two questions for further engaging this topic