## **Chapter 11 Student Worksheet**

SociologicalYOU **Chapter 11** addresses the topics of economics and politics. It looks at how money and politics are intertwined and how economic issues impact the political system. This chapter consists of the following modules:

| **Module 1: Sociological Perspective —** The Intersection of Economics and Politics |
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| **Module 2: Social Structures —** Social Characteristics of Economics and Politics |
| **Module 3: Social Problems —** Social Problems in Politics |
| **Module 4: Sociological Imagination —** Sociological Imagination and the Economy |
| **Module 5: Social Change —** Political Process and Change |

Before coming to class, complete the **Student Responsibilities** for **Chapter 11**. The objective of this worksheet is to ensure that you are prepared to actively engage and participate in class. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues prior to the assignment due dates.

### Student Responsibilities

* Read **Chapter 11** and complete the embedded quiz in the chapter to earn the digital **Chapter 11 Completion Certificate**.
* Upload your **Chapter 11 Completion Certificate** to the assignment submission folder.
* Listen to the **Chapter 11 PowerPoint Audio Lecture** located within **SociologicalYOU** Student Resources.
* Complete and upload this **Chapter 11 Student Worksheet** to the assignment submission folder.

### Points to Ponder

Complete the following questions by clicking beneath it and typing your response. Use complete sentences and correct grammar and punctuation.

* How are economics and politics intertwined?
* What are key characteristics to predict your political engagement?
* What social problems are associated with the political system?

### Audience Response Questions

Reflect on the chapter reading and consider how you would answer these questions during a class discussion. Select the appropriate box to indicate your answer.

**Questions:**

**Super PACs**

1. Hedge fund billionaire Tom Steyer donated $74 million in the 2014 Midterm elections, mostly in seven Senate and gubernatorial races. His Super PAC aimed to defeat candidates not supporting climate change initiatives. Steyer believes we make social change through the political process and campaign contributions. Do you support the use of Super PACs in this manner?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Not sure
   * No opinion
2. In your opinion, do Super PACs, which can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, benefit the interests of the wealthy more than the poor?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Not sure
   * No opinion

**Climate Change and Politics**

1. Which political party do you most identify with?
   * Democrat
   * Republican
   * Independent
   * Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_
   * None
   * Not sure
2. Is climate change occurring?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Not sure
3. If you answered “Yes,” are humans causing climate change?
   * Yes
   * No
   * Not sure