Week 5: Building Blocks II: Social Structures and Institutions

Set Reading: McCormack, M., Anderson, E., Jamie, K. and David, M. (2018). Discovering Sociology. London, UK: Palgrave. (Chapter 6).

1. What do the terms social structure and social institutions refer to?

2. What is the difference between a formal and informal institution?

3. What is the relationship between social structures and social institutions? How are they different?

4. What role do social institutions play in socialisation?

5. Which social institution do you think has the biggest influence on your life? Why?

6. Using the library databases, can you find a sociological publication from the last 10 years that discusses the family and socialisation? Provide the full reference here:

7. Using the library databases, can you find a sociological publication from the last 10 years that discusses education in Australia and socialisation? Provide the full reference here: