

THE NEW DIVIDED CITY

Class transformation, civic participation and neighbourhood context

Propositions:

1. The definition of social class is a key issue in studying processes of polarisation and professionalisation.
2. Cultural capital is an important factor in transforming the contemporary class structure.
3. The institutional context affects to what extent inequality in civic participation may increase or decrease during economic downturns.
4. Neighbourhood organisations have distinct functions and complement each other in important ways.
5. Neighbourhood networks play a limited role in obtaining employment, irrespective of the neighbourhood socioeconomic status.
6. “That’s what segregation means. You don’t know what’s happening on the other side of the wall, because you don’t want to know.” (James Baldwin)
7. The online R and statistics communities are an invaluable source for academic progress.
8. A large N cannot compensate for theoretical paucity.
9. A word limit of 8,000 words is too low for sociological research.
10. Beleid is niet op zoek naar kennis, maar naar argumenten (credits: Take Sipma)
11. Feyenoord elk jaar kampioen maken is de beste investering om de boel in Rotterdam bij elkaar te houden.