Standpoint Paper. ■ The intention of this paper is to situate yourself in relation social theory. Consider where you are currently at in your understanding of classic & contemporary sociological theory. ■ Which scholars do you gravitate towards? What concepts seem to be most helpful in understanding your world? How does your perspective influence the nature of the research you hope to pursue as a sociologist? ■ You are expected to provide no more than 4 double-spaced pages that include your 1) personal and professional experiences/reflections, 2) theoretical standpoint, and 3) current/potential research interests as they relate to course themes. Standpoint rubric Standpoint on social theory (25 points) – Personal and professional experiences/reflections – Effective explanation of your positionality in relation to your stated research/professional interests ■ Understanding of sociological theory (30 points) – Outline one or two theoretical approaches that align with your standpoint – Effective discussion of theory in relation to positionality – Use of text & scholarly sources ■ Current/potential research interests (25 points) – Effective explanation of your academic & professional interests in relation to the course themes – Use of text & scholarly sources where relevant ■ Organization, format & grammar (20 points) – APA style guide for in-text citations and formatting – No more than 4 pages (around 3 pages are expected), not including title page & bibliography – At least 3 scholarly sources used throughout your paper