

# Discussion Questions

1. How old were you on September 11, 2001? How did the terrorist attacks that day affect you and your perspective on terrorism? How do you think the 9/11 attacks impacted people in different ways depending on their age?
2. What is the latest technological device you or your family has acquired? How has it changed your life? What are the (a) intended and (b) unintended consequences of your having it?
3. Every organization must adapt to change. Describe how an organization to which you belong coped with change. Was the adaptation successful? Why or why not? What was your role? Did you feel as though you had some influence over the adaptation strategy? Why or why not?
4. Were you aware that the United States gives far less than the 0.7% of gross national product the United Nations has requested of nations in order to achieve the UN Millennium Development Goals to decrease poverty, illiteracy, famine, and disease? Why do you think most Americans believe the nation contributes more? Do you think it would be in the self-interest of the United States to contribute more? Why or why not?
5. What sociological theory best explains what has happened in many Arab countries that gave rise to the Arab Spring and its aftermath? Why? How might you use this theory to explain what happened—and what might happen in the future—in this region?
6. What type of social movement has led to the dramatic increase in support for same-sex marriage over the past few years? Why? How do the results of this movement indicate the power of social movements to influence society at the micro, meso, and macro levels?