Neighborhood Profile

Assignment Description

Understanding Communities, Spring, 2013

1. Write up (1 page or less) your initial impressions

2. Interview 2 other people asking them questions as outlined in original handout, both “census” and “other sources”

3. Then look up Census data and create a table of the following.

• Income level (median household)

• Education (less than high school, high school, some or more college)

• Housing (total units, detached, housing attached, 1-19, and 20 or more)

• Density of population—number people per acre

• Ethnicity (white, black, Latino, other)

• Age of residents (17 or under, 18-39,40-64, 65+)

• family/household types (total, households with kids, households without)

• Occupations (choose categories that you think best define your neighborhood)

• Stability (optional)

• Housing (median rent, median property/house value)

4. For information under “other sources,” write brief descriptions of what you initially put down, and your two interviews. By examining maps, doing www searches, see if you can find other descriptions/data relating to those questions.

5. Then write up a 2 page analysis of the over-all process. Answering these questions:

How did your impressions differ from the census or other sources of information? And from the people you interviewed?

How do you explain the differences?

What differences did you discover in how you described the neighborhood vs. Census or other sources of data? Did you and your interviewees have similar definitions of terms?