## **Chapter 15 Discussion Questions**

### 15.1.1 Urbanism

Discuss your thoughts about urbanism. Does city living cause alienation, superficiality, and indifference? Does city living cause more unconventionality than in rural areas? What are the pros and cons of being an urban dweller?

### 15.2.1 Aging Populations and Structural Solutions

Are there structural solutions to Greece’s aging problems? What are your predictions about Japan’s future based on your knowledge and understanding of the Japanese aging population?

### 15.3.1 Refugee Camps

What other technological developments might be useful in helping improve the lives of those living in refugee camps? What benefits could these technologies bring to the people in the camps? What prevents these technologies from being implemented in the camps?

### More Than a Theory

### 15.3.2 Functionalist

What impact would public policies designed to provide legal status to undocumented residents have on immigrants, their employers, and the United States?

### 15.3.3 Conflict

What scarce resources in a society are most impacted by a large undocumented immigrant population? What types of changes would be beneficial in reducing the number of people pushed out of their home country?

### 15.3.4 Symbolic Interactionist

What programs are effective in helping families cope with the range of problems they experience in refugee camps? How can a better understanding of the refugee concerns about safety, family, and employment work to foster more supportive refugee camps?

### 15.4.1 Community and Compassion

Do you think American society has gotten more or less compassionate since 2006? What about since the Great Recession of 2008? Why or why not? What can be done to increase compassion towards the poor and homeless in society?

### 15.5.1 Populations in the Future

In your opinion, What present-day social changes will impact communities in the future? What actions must be taken today to ensure the global population has a better tomorrow?