ANTHRO2A TA Section
Week 3: Recipe Review

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Assignment #3

- 1) Reply to your own recipe discussion post with an explanation of a course concept (red words on slides)
  - At least 100 words
- 2) And then include one sentence at the end of your post on a course concept you are unsure of
  - We will use this to review next week
- 3) Then reply and write one for another person’s post
  - At least 100 words
  - Try to reply to someone that doesn’t have a reply yet
  - Use a different course concept than (1)

Example

- “Everyone in my country eats and recognizes this food…”
  - Summarizing symbol
- “Eating this with your hands is more fun and makes it taste better...”
  - Kinesics
- “This recipe was given to me by my mother, and when I cook it I am reminded of her…”
  - Consanguinal kinship

Questions?





Mock Quiz Questions

- Anthropologists study the meanings behind universal symbols common across all cultures, such as chicken soup and its healing properties
  - True
  - False

Mock Quiz Questions

- Americans typically eat food with forks and knives. However, in China, people often eat food with chopsticks. Because Chinese culture is older and more traditional, this must mean that all people used to eat with chopsticks, and forks and knives were invented later.
  - True
  - False

Mock Quiz Questions

- Many Americans are familiar with a “potluck”, where everyone cooks a different dish which are then eaten together.



Mock Quiz Questions

- Imagine a politician saying that “American society is like a potluck. Everyone is different, but we all come together to share with one another and enjoy the unique strengths that each person has.” Here, the politician is using potlucks as a _____ symbol for how she thinks society should function.
  - Dietary
  - Proxemic
  - Summarizing
  - Biocultural
  - Elaborating

Mock Quiz Questions

- Every year, politicians in Minnesota have a competition over who can cook the best tater tot hotdish, a food distinct to the state. Tater-tot hotdish can be seen as a _____ symbol of Minnesotan identity
  - Indexical
  - Consanguinal
  - Summarizing
  - Elaborating
  - Temporal





Mock Quiz Questions

- A friend takes out a piece of string cheese. He bites straight into the cheese, and you stare at him in horror, because he has made an unusual _____ act by not peeling the cheese before eating it.
  - Linguistic
  - Decoding
  - Kinesic
  - Proxemic
  - Affinal





Mock Quiz Questions

- A friend tells you after moving to Los Angeles that he is adopting a “purely scientific diet”. He reads the labels of everything he eats and tracks all of his macro-nutrients. He tells you that breakfast is a “waste of calories”. He tells you that this is “great for gains”, or that this diet is optimal for achieving a physical appearance and strength that he desires. This is an example of a diet that is purely scientific and biological, without any cultural or social elements.
  - True
  - False



Mock Quiz Questions

A person from Massachusetts is elected president, and she declares that from now on, all water fountains will be called “bubblers”, which is what they are often called in Massachusetts. Anyone who calls a bubbler a water fountain or drinking fountain will be arrested. This is a case of

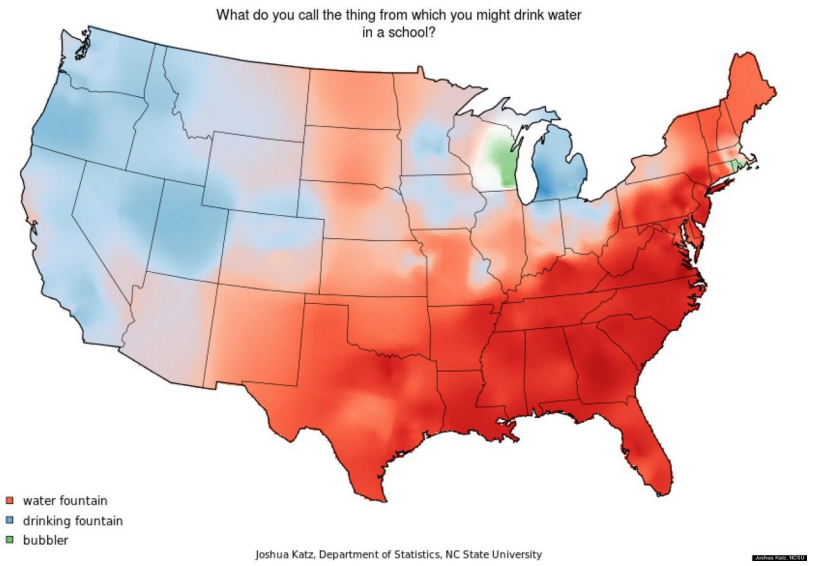
a. racial supremacy

b. food apartheid

c. liquid kinship

d. regional dominance

e. linguistic supremacy



Mock Quiz Questions

You are in a food court in an unfamiliar country. Looking around, you observe that most women in the food court are eating cold salads, cheeses, and iced smoothies, while most of the men are eating hot grilled meats, fried vegetables, and steaming soups. You have an initial hypothesis that _____ may affect how the temperature of food is culturally interpreted.

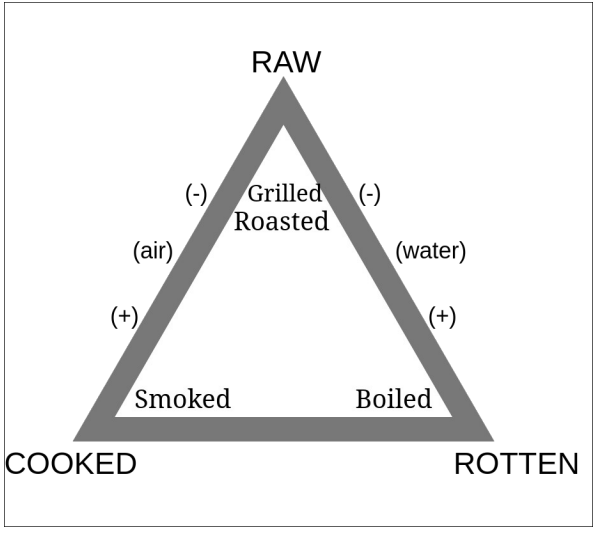
a. molecular supremacy

b. consanguinal kinship

c. biological sex

d. structuralism

e. gender constructs



Mock Quiz Questions

A man from California marries a woman from Chicago, where many people say that putting ketchup on hot dogs is for children only. The Chicagoan woman keeps making fun of her husband whenever he eats ketchup, and eventually, he stops putting ketchup on hot dogs. We can say that the Californian man's cultural attitudes towards ketchup was changed by his ____ kinship relations.

a. consanguinal

b. dietary

c. affinal

d. regional

e. ceremonial





Mock Quiz Questions

Biting your nails involves eating a part of yourself, but it is typically not considered to be _____ in America.

a. anthropology

b. anthropomorphism

c. anthropophagy

d. anthropocentrism

e. anthropic



Next Week

- Any questions?
- Next week is the final week before the exam!
- We will play Jeopardy with the midterm concepts next section