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Exploring the Role of Time in Access to Culture: A Theoretical Analysis of Socioeconomic Factors

Access to culture has been a topic of discussion from several perspectives, namely the importance of democratizing cultural spaces through accessible or free admissions to avoid barriers for low-income people. However, time and the uses of time are critical dimensions in this discussion. In this regard, this study addresses the issue of time poverty, free time and the time constraints faced by economically vulnerable populations, which may hinder their engagement in cultural and leisure activities. Furthermore, it highlights the need to theoretically explore the interaction between time use and socioeconomic factors, such as economic status, social class, employment, and gender. The paper proposes a theoretical approach that considers the interaction between leisure time use and socioeconomic factors, aiming to deepen our understanding of accessibility issues in cultural engagement for populations with limited economic resources. By doing so, the study intends to contribute to the ongoing debate on the democratization of culture and the reduction of access inequalities, recognizing the fundamental role of time in shaping the cultural experiences of these populations. Through an integrated analysis of free time and its socioeconomic determinants, the research seeks to identify and comprehend vulnerable populations' barriers to accessing culture. This theoretical understanding is crucial for informing the development of inclusive cultural policies that promote equitable and broader participation in cultural and leisure activities, enabling all individuals to enjoy their cultural citizenship fully. The study employs a literature review methodology to synthesize existing research, critically evaluate key concepts and theories, and identify gaps and areas for further investigation. By examining a range of scholarly works, this research aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current knowledge landscape and generate insights to inform future research and policy development in this field.

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