Savell’s “Social Change among the Amish”

Social change makes life in societies dynamic and promising. One way to focus on social change is to consider social movements, like the civil rights movement, that change the structure of society from the motivation of one segment. Another is to look at how societies change and evolve and put strain/pressure on groups that oppose change or modernization. Consider the following questions when reading this article.

1. How has social change affected the Amish?

2. What are some of their values?

3. What part of the social structure most threatens the Amish way of life?

4. How do the Amish live?

5. What are parents concerned about?

6. What is their perspective on social change?