

BIYAHENG SHAW: A GLIMPSE INTO THE WORLDVIEW OF JEEPNEY DRIVERS AS A FILIPINO?

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This study explored sociological issues through a participant observation method. The fundamental purpose of the study was to understand the worldview of a few jeepney drivers who plied the area along Shaw Boulevard, particularly in the vicinity of Jose Rizal University (JRU).. It explored how the drivers viewed their work, life and family, and also tried to look into their views on the jeepney and Philippine society as a whole. It aimed to provide a glimpse of how they think and view themselves as a Filipino. The research paper was also an investigation on how they view the University whose name is borrowed from a national hero who is considered to be the First Filipino.

The researcher collected data by joining the “pasada” or actually riding along the trip of the jeepneys during the research process. After interviewing jeepney drivers during the “pamamasada” and “byahe,” the researcher reviewed the interviews, did actual transcriptions, and did a reflection to organize his findings with the help of some sociological concepts.