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*Sociology and Modern Social Problems* Wadsworth Publishing Company

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### The Anatomy of Inequality IGI Global

Poverty, unemployment, limited access to health care: the litany of ills plaguing contemporary society seems endless, reflective of the pragmatic and philosophical battles waged to overcome what some perceive as insurmountable obstacles. What role has the state played in mitigating the effects of these harsh realities? Offering a comprehensive survey of past and present programs, *Social Welfare* considers the substance and results of government intervention. Shaped by the works of such distinguished figures as Martin Luther, Adam Smith, and Charles Darwin, this incisive text charts the progression of social welfare policy from inception to its current status. David Macarov links present policy to the convergence of five interacting motivations: mutual aid, religion, politics, economics, and ideology. In identifying these elements, Macarov assays the significance of each in determining the nature of social welfare and its future. Featuring chapter summaries and exercises, this intriguing introduction to social welfare policy and practice will involve and inform students of social work, political science, and sociology. "David Macarov has written a handy introductory social policy text for undergraduate that transcends the descriptive accounts of the social services that pervade the literature. Unlike many other introductory texts, Macarov does not seek to list the major social services and describe their functioning but focuses instead on the role of ideas and wider social forces in social welfare. The book is easy to read and

thoroughly supported with recommendations for additional reading. It is a useful addition to the literature." --Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare

### Current Social Problems Allyn & Bacon

Empower your students to become part of the solution. With a clear and upbeat voice, author Anna Leon-Guerrero's thought-provoking overview of social problems challenges readers to understand and recognize social problems in their communities and inspires them to become part of the solution. The Fifth Edition of *Social Problems: Community, Policy, and Social Action* goes beyond the typical presentation of contemporary social problems and their consequences by emphasizing the importance and effectiveness of community involvement to achieve real solutions. With an overarching focus on social inequalities and policy, this proven text provides a platform for discussion that encourages critical thinking and inspires hope. "The extra emphasis on social action and movements is a real strength...I like that the three major perspectives are used in each chapter as I feel many texts just put that in the first chapter and then forget about it." —Todd Michael Callais, University of Cincinnati-Blue Ash  
*Social Problems* New York : Harcourt, Brace & World  
 Textbook in sociology and social pathology presenting fundamental contemporary social problems - comprises papers and excerpts from published material on such issues as police violence, the social system in the concentration camp, the horror of nuclear war, crime and poverty, mental health, social structure and anomie, social psychology, youth unrest among university students, employment discrimination, Black life and the social process, sociological factors in addiction to drugs, etc. References and statistical tables.

### Contemporary Readings in Social Problems SAGE

While the balance between private and public sectors are based primarily on the experiences of the wealthy societies in Western Europe and North America, the global reach and increased political weight of East Asian economies is bound to influence other societies as well. *Contemporary Social Issues in East Asian Societies: Examining the Spectrum of Public and Private Spheres* focuses on modern highly developed East Asian societies and their social issues, particularly ones that are related to family, institution, and health. By examining the modernized global society and its connectedness, this book is a vital resource for researchers, students, and academicians interested in the distinctive features connected with local, social and cultural traditions of East Asian society.

### Contemporary Social Problems MacMillan Publishing Company

Preface. 1. THE SOCIOLOGY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS. The Sociological Approach. Social Movements and Social Problems. Consequences of Actions Taken on Social Problems. Perspectives

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### Contemporary Social Problems Elsevier

This book covers a wide range of contemporary methods for researching social problems and connects these approaches to the broader substance and theories of social problems. Expository



and discursive in approach, chapters follow a uniform structure, with each offering research examples and a broad description of the related method and its theoretical context, together with a "how-to" guide for applying that method using substantive examples from the field of social problems. For every method explored, there is a research example that fully reviews and illustrates the application of the particular method, before giving a full assessment of the method's strengths and weaknesses and latest developments. With chapters exploring survey interviews, in-depth interviews, narrative inquiry, institutional ethnography, participatory action research, auto-ethnography, Actor-Network Theory, experimental research, visual research methods, and research ethics, *Researching Social Problems* will appeal to scholars and students of sociology and politics working in the fields of research methods and social problems.

*Contemporary Social Problems* Univ of California Press  
**Contemporary Issues in Sociology and Social Work: An Africanist Perspective** is a publication of the Department of Social Work, University of Ilorin, Nigeria. In this book, the writers have advanced constructive and enduring global narratives, with particular emphasis on Africa, about the core issues and concerns in both Sociology and Social Work that are devoid of mischief and corruption. This book is timely as more and more departments of Social Work are being mounted across Africa, particularly, in Nigeria. The book is written with the aim of making researchers, academics and other stakeholders, including students, in the field of human behavioural sciences who are interested in the subject matters of Sociology and Social Work to become familiar with salient issues relating to the subjects of discourse. It is further intended to familiarise the readers of the text with important and cogent contemporary topical issues as related to the society at large. The book is particularly targeted at researchers, academics and students who are members of the Faculty of the Social Sciences or ancillary faculties that are interested in understanding human behaviours and lend helping hand to different clients that come across their paths in the process of carrying out their duties. The structure of the book is centred on the principle of human behaviour and humanitarian assistance in the context of different environmental situations in which the reader finds him/herself. The serialisation of the 39 chapters shows three sections with contributions in core Sociology, core Social Work and the inter-twin of both subjects. In core Sociology, the following topics are discussed: the Foundation of Sociology, Contemporary Sociological Theories from an Africanist perspective, Sociology of Social Problems, Contemporary Issues in Gender Studies, The Sociology of Formal Organisations, the Foundation of Development Sociology, the Scope and Trends in Urban Sociology, Basic Discourse in Rural Sociology, Crime, Deviance and Social Control, Cybercrime and Criminality, Issues in Medical Sociology, Discourses in Social Epidemiology, Social Epidemiology of Mental Illness, Basic Issues in Comparative Health Care Systems, Issues in Social Gerontology, the Nexus between Politics and Sociology, Social Differentiation, Social Inequality and Social Stratification, an African perspective to Industrial Sociology and an Afrocentric Sociological Thought. In core Social Work, the discussed issues are the Foundation of Social Work, The Fundamentals of School Social Work, the Concepts, Typology and Classifications of Social Security Systems, the Theory and Application of Forensic Psychology, Industrial Social Work, The Dynamics of Human Social Functioning, Social Workers and the Military, Social Workers and Mental Health, Community Organisation and Rural Development, Social Workers and Community Development, Social Workers and Child Protective Services, Social Workers in the Hospital Settings, an examination of the concept of Human Sexuality and its implications on Social Work and the roles of Social Workers in Global Terrorism. It is not untrue, therefore, that this book is a comprehensive textbook of Sociology and Social Work for African students. However, it needs to be mentioned and emphasised that the text does not and could not have covered all the areas in the two disciplines, but has tried to accommodate and touch on the major areas that are germane to academic excellence with the hope of stimulating, sustaining and making the acquired knowledge from the book a relevant aspect in human behavioural sciences. The text will be useful to students and staff of social sciences, particularly Sociology and Social Work, across Africa. The writing is pragmatic and reader-friendly and the editorial work is fantastic.

**Social Structure Of Contemporary China** Allyn & Bacon  
 Monograph on poverty in the UK, with particular reference to the social problems of various low income groups and minority groups - covers social assistance and its shortcomings, racial discrimination, homelessness and the housing needs of urban area slum-dwellers, the Gypsies, the handicapped (disabled person), disadvantaged youth, mental disease, etc., and considers some social policy alternatives. References and statistical tables.

*The Idea of Social Structure* New York : Harcourt Brace Jovanovich  
 Sociology and Modern Social Problems by Charles Abram Ellwood,

first published in 1913, is a rare manuscript, the original residing in one of the great libraries of the world. This book is a reproduction of that original, which has been scanned and cleaned by state-of-the-art publishing tools for better readability and enhanced appreciation. Restoration Editors' mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life. Some smudges, annotations or unclear text may still exist, due to permanent damage to the original work. We believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction, allowing a new generation to appreciate it.

*Contemporary Social Issues in East Asian Societies: Examining the Spectrum of Public and Private Spheres* New York : American Book ; 20 cm.

What is the social structure of Chinese society in the 21st century? How should China address the problem of migrant workers? How can China form a modern society? These key sociological issues are some of the topics this book covers. This book is a collection of the research articles and lectures that Dr. Lu Xueyi, the former Head of the Institute of Sociology at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, has published since the 1980s. The author discusses the social structure, social stratification, social construction, and development of contemporary Chinese society. Arguing that the gap between economic and social development has become the major social issue facing modern China, the author advocates paying close attention to the country's social structure and the growth of the middle class. The book will be of interest for all scholars and students of Sociology and Chinese Studies.

**Researching Social Problems** SAGE Publications

This book is the third study done by the Research Group on Social Structure Change in Contemporary China, a group affiliated with the Institute of Sociology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The group has focused on the process of development and change in contemporary Chinese social structure and come to the following conclusions. Contemporary China is transitioning from a traditional agricultural and rural society to a modern industrialized and urban society; from a highly centralized planned economy to a robust socialist market economic system. The entire society is undertaking an unprecedented evolution. During the three decades of reform and opening up, China has made brilliant achievements, never seen before in history. Now, China is in a critical period of reform and opening up, with very complex, far-reaching and closely intertwined social problems, which are also unprecedented. After deep and detailed analysis the Research Group believes that these problems cannot be resolved only by economic methods. In order to get to the roots of these social problems, China must develop new social policies, strengthen the social structure and carry out social system reform. The core purpose of the book is to recommend theories and methods on social structure to society and readers, and to investigate the development and change in China's social structure. We believe that social structure theory, a brand-new point of view to analyze the current situation, is capable of deciphering the social contradictions in China's development to some extent, as opposed to mere economic theory, which is inadequate to fully address the structural problems in China.

**Contemporary Social Problems** FrancoAngeli

Social problems are endemic to all societies. The UK is no exception and is grappling with a plethora of issues including poverty, family breakdown, domestic violence, teenage pregnancy, child abuse and neglect, youth offending, alcohol and drug misuse, mental health issues, homelessness, and ethnic and religious discrimination. These problems have huge implications for the individual, the family unit and society at large and take their toll on health, wellbeing, and community resources. They place an enormous amount of strain on government finances and the welfare state, and add to the burden on social institutions, such as the National Health Service and the social work and criminal justice systems. Contemporary Social Problems in the UK explores a wide range of social problems in the UK. Each social problem has been explored using a range of psychosocial theories to generate an understanding of various causal factors and to examine the linkages between different social problems.

Government policy and legislation, remedial measures, preventive approaches, and strategies of intervention are also considered for each social problem that has been dealt with. Each chapter deals with a particular social problem and has been penned by an expert in that topic. The endeavour has been to provide a multi-dimensional overview of the social problem in a manner that is engaging and easy to read. The end-of-chapter content includes supplementary reading, useful topic related websites besides a quiz and individual / group activities to generate discussion and stimulate learning. This informative yet accessible textbook will be an invaluable resource for instructors and students in the social sciences as well as professionals who work with people who experience some of these problems.

**Contemporary Social Problems and Historical Outline of Nigeria** Routledge

Written and compiled by friends and former students, *The Idea of Social Structure* honors Robert K. Merton, considered one of the

premier sociologists of the twentieth century. Along with Talcott Parsons and Marion J. Levy, Merton was emphatic in his use of the term "social structure"—however different they were in defining and refining the term. The chapters in this volume address many of Merton's diverse sociological theories and, in turn, his theories' impact upon a very large sociological territory. The volume includes major statements on the context of working with Merton by Lewis A. Coser, Paul F. Lazarsfeld, Robert A. Nisbet, and Seymour Martin Lipset, as well as memorable statements covering Merton's interests in the sociology of knowledge and science, planning communities, medical education, relative deprivation, everyday life, political roles, and communication media. This is a powerful sourcebook for understanding the work of Merton and of his intellectual successors. Nisbet called the decade of the 1930s among the most vital and creative periods in American history. It was certainly a period of intense struggle—political, military, and ideological. But the formation of modern sociology was without question one of the crowning achievements in the scientific evolution of the century. The volume is sharply focused on Merton's work and deeply appreciative of the nature of his contribution. It is a landmark effort in the study of sociology as history.

**Social Problems** Allyn & Bacon

This short, jargon-free text helps students see how the classical theories of Marx, Durkheim, Simmel, and Weber address many of the issues and problems of contemporary society.

**Understanding Contemporary Social Problems Through Media** McGraw-Hill Humanities, Social Sciences & World Languages

"Virtually all human societies are marked by inequality, at a level that surpasses what could be expected from normal differences in individuals' capabilities alone." So begins this new approach to the greatest social ill of our time, and nearly every other era. From a country with one of the world's lowest rates of income and social imbalance, award-winning Swedish analyst Per Molander's book changes the conversation about the causes and effects of inequality. Molander addresses the obvious questions that other pundits often avoid—including why the wealthiest countries, such as the United States, have the greatest incidences of inequality. Drawing from anthropology, statistics, references to literature, and political science, Molander looks at his subject across various political and ideological systems to examine policies that have created more just societies, and demonstrate how we can enact similar changes in the name of equality. In doing so, he presents a persuasive and moving case that humankind is much greater than the inequalities it has created.

**Social Welfare** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt P

Written from a distinctly Canadian point of view, *Understanding Social Problems*, Fourth Canadian Edition, examines how the structure and culture of societies contribute to social problems and their consequences. This text has strong pedagogical features and is comprehensive in its coverage, progressing from micro to macro levels of analysis. It focuses first on problems of health care, drug use, and crime, and then broadens to the widening concerns of population, health and welfare, science and technology, large-scale inequality and environmental problems. Known for its inclusive approach, *Understanding Social Problems*, Fourth Canadian Edition, explores powerful stories of real life people struggling with the challenges society and its problems have thrust upon them.

**Central Problems in Social Theory** Routledge

Goldberg uses a multi-media approach to critically examine the most significant and volatile issues of our times: the environmental crisis, upheavals in the developing world, health, terrorism, and technology. The book is unique in its in-depth coverage of these pressing social concerns and its use of extensive media resources through a companion website. An introductory section reviews basic sociological concepts and theories, including the sociological imagination and class, gender, and race stratification all of which are revisited in each chapter. The book helps students appreciate the magnitude of the problems of the twenty-first century as they develop the intellectual tools to understand them sociologically and personally. Features of the text: "**Marginality, Power and Social Structure** Pine Forge Press  
 "One of the most creative among the younger generation of critical social theorists, Giddens stands alone in his concern for the classical tradition on sociology; but he also makes brilliant use of the latest philosophical and theoretical work of several contemporary schools and disciplines. A very important book for all of social science."—Jeffrey C. Alexander

**Social Problems** Little Brown

This text takes a balanced approach to social problems as it moves from macro to micro problems. A strong cross-cultural emphasis throughout the book is bolstered by special Focus On sections, which highlight particular social problems in other countries. At the end of each chapter, Connections sections link the particular social problem discussed in that chapter with other social problems, to explicitly demonstrate that social problems don't occur in isolation.

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