

# Cerritos College Library

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## SOCIAL ISSUES

Your search for information on **sociology** and **social issues** can include books, periodical articles, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

### Books

Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. You can search for books in the catalog by author, title, subject, or keyword. The library arranges materials on sociology and social issues as follows:

<b>HM</b>	Sociology (General)	<b>HS</b>	Societies
<b>HN</b>	Social History & Conditions, Problems	<b>HT</b>	Communities, Classes, Races
<b>HQ</b>	The Family, Marriage, Women	<b>HV</b>	Social Pathology

### Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

**American Dictionary of Criminal Justice**

REF HV7411 .C48 2005

**Encyclopedia of Terrorism**

REF HV6431 .K883 2003

**Encyclopedia of Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behavior**

REF HV5804 .E53 2001

**Encyclopedia of Sociology**

REF HM425 .E5 2000

**Encyclopedia of Youth and War**

REF HQ784 .W3 S54 2000

**International Encyclopedia of Marriage & Family**

REF HQ9 .E52 2003

**Statistical Abstract of the United States**

REFDESK HA202 .A3

**Women's Issues**

REF HQ1115 .W6425 1997

**Encyclopedia of Homelessness**

REF HV4493 .E53 2004

**American Countercultures**

REF HM647 .A44 2009

**Beacham's Encyclopedia of Social Change**

REF HN59.2 .B43 2001

**Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior**

REF HV6017 .E53 2001

**The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide**

REF HQ1115 .G74 2003

**Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, & Conflict**

REF HM291 .E625 2008

**Encyclopedia of Family Life**

REF HQ534 .E53 1999

**The International Encyclopedia of Sexuality**

REF HQ21 .I68 2004

**West's Encyclopedia of American Law**

REF KF154 .W47 1998

**The Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology**

REF HM425 .C36 2006

**Encyclopedia of Women Sex and Gender**

REF HQ16 .E52 2007

**Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice**

REF HM671 .E53 2007

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The library also has several series that focus on current newsworthy and/or controversial issues. The following series are available directly behind the Reference Desk.

**At Issue**  
**Contemporary Issues**

**Current Controversies**  
**The CQ Researcher**  
**Information Plus**

**Opposing Viewpoints**  
**Taking Sides**

### **Finding Magazine, Journal and Newspaper Articles**

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

#### **Online Databases for social issues:**

**EBSCOHost**  
**Facts.com**  
**Issues & Controversies**

**Gale Databases**  
**NewsBank**  
**CQ Electronic Library**

**Project Muse**  
**ProQuest**

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

### **Internet Sites**

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

**Statistical Resources on the Web: Sociology**  
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stsoc.html>

**Multnomah County Library: Social Issues**  
<http://www.multcolib.org/homework/sochc.html>

**WWW Virtual Library: Sociology:**  
<http://socserv2.mcmaster.ca/w3virtsoclib/>

**Public Agenda Online**  
<http://www.publicagenda.org/>

**Global Issues**  
<http://www.globalissues.org/>

**Social Criticism Review**  
<http://socialcritic.org/>

**Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues**  
<http://www.procon.org/>

**Social Issues A to Z index**  
<http://socialissues.wiseto.com/AZIndex/>

**State of the World's Children 2009**  
<http://www.unicef.org/sowc09/report/report.php>