Guide to Planning your Research – SOCIAL ISSUES

Step 1: Define subject:

Handbooks:
The Handbook of Sociology REF. HM 51 .H249 1988

Encyclopedias:
Encyclopedia of Abortion in the United States REF. HQ 767.5 .U5 P35 2002
Encyclopedia of World Cultures REF. GN 307 .E53
Oxford Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Peoples & Cultures REF. GN 11 .O94 1992

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:
Dictionary of Race and Ethnic Relations REF. GN 496 .C37 1996
A Feminist Dictionary REF. HQ 1115 .K73 1985

Online Dictionary of the Social Sciences (Online)

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

Gates Memorial Library Catalog

Classic readings in sociology
Author: Howard, Eve L.
Call Number: HM 585 .C58 2002
Location: STACKS
Availability: Available for Circulation

Periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals

Aging HQ 1060 .A57 (stacks only)
The Family HQ 536 .A57 (stacks only)
The Journal of Marriage and the Family HQ 1 .J48 (stacks only)
Sociological Quarterly HM 1 .S69 (stacks only)
Sociology HM 1 .A76 (stacks only)
Texas Child Care Quarterly HQ 768 .T49 (stacks only)

PERIODICAL DATABASES

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database. Gates Memorial Library Databases

- Academic Search Complete
- Bibliography of Native North Americans
- Global Road Warrior
Sociology Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

- Alan Guttmacher Institute: Abortion
- ACLU
- American FactFinder
- American Sociological Association
- General Social Survey
- Landmark Cases of the U.S. Supreme Court
- National Criminal Justice Reference Service
- National Science Foundation: Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences
- PSID: A National Study of Socioeconomics and Health
- Social Science Research Center
- The SocioWeb
- SOSIG: Social Science Information Gateway
- Texas Community Resources Database (2-1-1)
- Urban Institute
- Virtual Library: Sociology
- Vital Statistics of the United States

Citing Sources
Each database provides “How to cite” for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.)

The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- Citation Guides Resources Page
- APA Style
- MLA Style
- EasyBib MLA citation creator
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

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