
Sociology

Further Reading

Module 2

Topic 1

[The One Percent](#) – documentary on the widening gap of resources within the United States (there are some great insights on gentrification and social mobility).

[Four corners program](#) – America's broken dreams (program about a new form of homelessness in the United States where we find an increasing amount of previous middle class individuals).

Timmons, Heather, '[Vogue's Fashion Photos Spark Debate in India](#)' The New York Times – World Business. This article is about a vogue fashion shoot which highlights the poverty within India and how it was used to promote high end fashion

Nickel and Dimed, Barbara Ehrenreich - Written from her perspective as an undercover journalist, it sets out to investigate the impact of the 1996 welfare reform act on the working poor in the United States.

Topic 2

[Life at the top in America – It isn't just better, it's longer!](#) NYTimes article on the connections between longevity and social class

Sicko – film by Michael Moore. This film illustrates some of the issues that we have discussed in relation to the connections between health, illness and class position

Henslin, James, Possamai, Adam and Alphia Possamai-Inesedy, Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach. Sydney: Pearsons, 2010. Chapter 15

Baum, Fran. The New Public Health, 3rd ed. Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Henderson, Gail E & Sue E Estroff, eds. The Social Medicine Reader, Volume Two: Social and Cultural Contributions to Health, Difference and Inequality, 2nd ed. Durham NC: Duke University Press, 2005.

Topic 3

Hage, Ghassan. *White nation: Fantasies of White Supremacy in a Multicultural Society*. Sydney: Pluto Press, 1998

[The other side of immigration](#) by Roy Germano. Based on a National Science Foundation-funded study of over 700 Mexican households, *The Other Side of Immigration* asks why so many Mexicans have left home to work in the United States and what's happened to the families and communities they've left behind.

Topic 4

Henslin, James M., Possamai, Adam and Alphia Possamai-Inesedy. *Sociology: A Down to Earth Approach*. Sydney: Pearson, 2010 (Chapter 8)

Gilbert, Dennis L. *the American Class Structure in an Age of Growing Inequality*, 6th ed. Belmont California: Wadsworth Publishing, 2003.

Gofen, Anat. *Family Capital: How First Generation Higher Education Students Break the Intergenerational Cycle*. Institute for Research on Poverty, discussion paper 1322-07, 2007.

Topic 5

[Why Marxism is on the rise again by Stuart Jeffries](#). Newspaper article about the current use of Marx's theory to understand the global financial crisis

[Podcast on the use of Marx today](#). Jonathan Sperber, author of *Karl Marx: A 19th Century Life*, joins Anne Perkins to discuss whether the man who wrote *Das Kapital* has anything to teach policymakers mired in present-day crises of capitalism

Marx, Karl & Friedrich Engels. *Communist Manifesto*. New York: Pantheon, 1967 [1848].

Topic 6

Ritzer, George. [The Globalization of Nothing](#). Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press, 2004.

Full text of 'From Weber: Essays in Sociology' [Blog article](#) on Weber and Marx:

Topic 7

[Opinion piece](#) by Friedman on social mobility and stratification

Friedman, Thomas L. *The World is Flat*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.

Sernau, Scott. *Worlds Apart: Social Inequalities in a Global Economy*, 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press, 2005

Topic 8

[Blog](#) - Search the blog for social stratification – there are a number of relevant posts

Sachs, Jeffrey D. *The end of Poverty: Economic Possibilities of our Time*. East Rutherford, NJ: Penguin Press, 2005.

Wharton, Amy. S. *The Sociology of Gender: An Introduction to Theory and Research*. Medford, Mass: Blackwell Publishers, 2005.

Topic 9

Beck, Ulrich 2007, 'Beyond class and Nation: reframing social inequalities in a globalising world', *The British Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 58, Iss. 4, p. 679-705.

Pakulski, J. *Global Inequalities: New Patterns of Privilege and Disadvantage*, Sydney: Allen & Unwin, 2004.

Topic 10

Blog: [Everyday Sociology](#)

[People like us](#) – documentary about social class in America

[Garbage dreams](#) – documentary about three young men in Cairo

Atkinson, Will 2007, 'Beck, individualization and the death of class: a critique', *The British Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 58, Iss. 3, p. 349 – 366.

Beck, Ulrich, Beck-Gernsheim, Elizabeth 2002, 'Individualization: Institutionalized Individualism and its Social and Political Consequences' SAGE Publications, London.