Social Problems and Social Structure in America

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Designed for courses in Social Problems, American Society and Introductory Sociology. This book focuses on the inherent duality in all societies. It assumes that a realistic analysis of any one society must include both integrating and stabilizing forces on the one hand, and forces that produce malintegration and change on the other. Both these perspectives are included in each chapter.



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The Characteristics of American Education. The Crises in American Education. Changing the Educational System: Reform or Revolution.

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- Treats the relationships of social problems to the structure of American institutions and American values
- Discusses major concepts: culture, norms, values, stratification, inequality, institutions, social change and power in light of how they work in American society
- Emphasizes institutional change and implications for the future
- Uses order and conflict theoretical perspectives with emphasis on the latter
- Extensively uses source materials and basic evidence in tables, figures, and charts
- Discusses real issues, a fact students will recognize (e.g., black power, women's liberation, distribution of wealth and power, poverty and education)
- Discusses military influences on our society in the distribution of power chapter
- Discusses the 1972 election and its ramification in our society



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