



## A SELECTION OF ONLINE RESOURCES IN SOCIOLOGY

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*This list contains a combination of general Sociology sites and sites dealing with specific social issues.*

**50-State Rundown on Gay Marriage Laws** - "a 50-state roundup of current law and proposals to change state marriage laws. The proposals comprise state constitutional amendments, changes to state law and non-binding resolutions." From Stateline.org, "a non-partisan, non-profit online news publication that reports each weekday on state government."

<http://www.stateline.org/stateline/?pa=story&sa=showStoryInfo&id=353058>

**ACT-UP Oral History Project** - "a collection of interviews with surviving members of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, New York." Features interview transcripts, videos, tributes, forums, and more. Each text transcript is accompanied by a separate index. From MIX (the New York Lesbian and Gay Experimental Film/Video Festival). <http://www.actuporalhistory.org/>

**Alcohol Problems and Solutions** - This site presents information about problems associated with alcohol consumption. Topics include alcohol facts and myths, links to state laws, advertising, youth issues (including minimum drinking ages throughout the world), drinking and driving, and health issues. Also includes a glossary covering beer, wine, and distilled spirits. From an emeritus professor from the Sociology Department of the State University of New York at Potsdam. <http://www2.potsdam.edu/alcohol-info/>

**Battle Over Same-Sex Marriage** - This site from the San Francisco Chronicle offers current and archived news articles, commentary, a photo gallery, related links, and more. The focus is on California, but the site includes same-sex marriage news from other states. <http://www.sfgate.com/samesexmarriage/>

**Child Labor Research Initiative (CLRI)** - This collection of research and educational resources on child labor features a database of legislation on child labor from around the world (searchable by country or topic) and annotated links to Web resources. Projects underway include curriculum materials, a collection of essays on child labor and human rights, a research forum, and an occasional paper series. From the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights. <http://www.childlaborlaws.org/>

**Commercial Closet** - Close to 2,000 examples from decades of commercials and advertising "that reflect society's changing view of the gay community with marketers' best and worst efforts from around the world." Includes images, stills, video clips, transcripts, commentary, and an online feature article section, "The Report." Has a few popups. Browsable and searchable. From a nonprofit organization that "works to improve public opinion of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community." <http://www.commercialcloset.org/>

**End of Life: Exploring Death in America** - Explores a variety of aspects of death and dying in the United States. Topics include terminal illness, grief and bereavement, funeral homes, do-it-yourself and alternative funerals, reincarnation, and related subjects. Includes readings (poetry, essays, religious texts, images, and excerpts from novels, short stories, and plays) and a bibliography. <http://www.npr.org/programs/death/>

**Equal Marriage for Same Sex Couples** - Information about the "issue of full and equal marriage for gays and lesbians" primarily in Canada. Documents a Canadian couple seeking legal recognition of their right, as a same-sex couple, to marry. Includes news and law summaries, information about registered domestic partnerships

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(RDPs), a Canadian marriage timeline, and links to news, media coverage, information on court decisions, and more. <http://www.samesexmarriage.ca/>

**Identity Theft Resource Center** - This is a "nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and implementing a comprehensive program against identity theft -- by supporting victims, broadening public awareness, disseminating information about this crime and decreasing the potential victim population." Provides links to resources for victims, information about scams and consumer alerts, prevention tips, and statistics. Some material available in Spanish. <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/>

**Internet Resources on Aging** - Topics include genealogy, computers and technology, Medicare and Social Security information, classic 1950s TV shows, chat rooms, and more. Also covers statistics, research, and other areas of interest to gerontology professionals. From AARP. <http://www.aarp.org/internetresources/>

**Indian Gaming in California** - Provides an overview of "Indian gambling on tribal land [which] has become a significant political issue in California." Discusses legislation and cases related to sovereignty, Native Americans and taxation, and tribal gaming. Also features a section on California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Indian gaming. Includes related books, articles, and Web sites. From the Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) Library, University of California, Berkeley.  
<http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/library/htIndianGaming.htm>

**Kinsey** – Covers Alfred Kinsey, the "man who would become known as the greatest chronicler of America's sexual experiences," Includes features on what it was like "to sit in Kinsey's interview chair," public reactions to his Kinsey Reports, expert opinions, a timeline, letters to Kinsey, profiles, and related resources.  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/kinsey/>

**National Association for Single Sex Public Education (NASSPE)** - This organization advocates single gender education. The site presents information supporting its position, including discussions of sex differences in the brain, sex differences in how children learn, and the benefits of one-sex schools for girls and boys. Also includes a list of single sex public schools in the United States and links to related information.  
<http://www.singlesexschools.org/>

**Nature and Scope of the Problem of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests and Deacons in the United States** - This is the February 2004 report of the research study conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Sections include the prevalence of abuse of youth under 18 by Catholic priests and deacons, information about the accused priests and deacons and about the incidents and allegations, and the response from the diocese and religious communities. Also includes copies of the blank survey forms. <http://www.usccb.org/nrb/johnjaystudy/>

**Open Directory Project: Science: Social Sciences: Sociology** – Cyberculture and academic papers are among the topics covered by this site. "The Open Directory Project is the largest, most comprehensive human-edited directory of the Web. It is constructed and maintained by a vast, global community of volunteer editors."  
[http://dmoz.org/Science/Social\\_Sciences/Sociology/](http://dmoz.org/Science/Social_Sciences/Sociology/)

**Pledge of Allegiance Resources** - Background information and supporting documents for the U.S. Supreme Court case on the constitutionality of "a public school district policy that requires teachers to lead willing students in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which includes the words 'under God.'" Provides links to the briefs and related articles and editorials. From the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.  
<http://pewforum.org/religion-schools/pledge/>

**Portals to the World: Terrorism** - Selected Internet resources on terrorism, organized by such topics as bioterrorism, law, Osama bin Laden, Mullah Omar, and Al Qaeda. Each category provides a list of annotated links. From the Library of Congress. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/hispanic/terrorism/terrorism.html>

**Same-Sex Marriage Debate** - News stories and editorials on the debate, with an emphasis on same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. Includes video clips, interactive features, photos, the text of speeches and judicial documents, and blogs. From Boston.com, the online companion to the Boston Globe. [http://www.boston.com/news/specials/gay\\_marriage/](http://www.boston.com/news/specials/gay_marriage/)

**Social Science Information Gateway: Sociology** – A set of “sociology of “ sites, data, educational materials, and organizations/societies sites (among others) are provided by a service that “aims to provide a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information for researchers and practitioners in the social sciences, business and law. It is part of the UK Resource Discovery Network.” <http://sosig.esrc.bris.ac.uk/sociology/>

**Sociolog** – Thematic Sociology sites, great sociologists, and sociological practice are areas links provided by this site. Created and maintained by Julian Dierkes at the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia in Canada. <http://www.sociolog.com/>

**Solstice, Sacaea-Saturnalia, Yule, and Today** - Examines "the ancient origins of the winter holiday season" and how pagan and Christian celebrations have merged into Christmas traditions. Includes factual tidbits about ancient and current winter solstice celebrations; Egyptian, Persian, and Roman celebrations; and northern European Yule traditions. Also includes a description of holiday celebrations for the day, a bibliography, and related links. <http://www.candlegrove.com/>

**Special Report: Gay Rights** - Collection of news stories and opinion pieces on gay rights in the United Kingdom. Also covers news in France, Spain, and elsewhere in Europe. From the Guardian Unlimited, the online companion to the British newspaper The Guardian. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/gayrights/>

**Statistical Resources on the Web: Sociology** – Comprehensive sources, aging, ethnicity, public opinion, humanitarian aid, and non-profit organizations are among the subject areas under which material can be found. <http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stsoc.html#comp>

**UC Atlas of Global Inequality** - "The Atlas explores the interaction between global integration (globalization) and inequality, and provides maps, graphics and data." The site includes a database and "maps examining some aspects of material inequality, life and death, global connectedness ... economic globalization," and health. Users may select decades back to the 1960s and indicators. Also includes a glossary and bibliography. Searchable. From the Center for Global, International and Regional Studies (CGIRS) at the University of California, Santa Cruz. <http://ucatlas.ucsc.edu/>

**U.S. Census Bureau Facts for Features: Dialing for Dollars** - Facts and statistics about the telemarketing industry, such as number of telemarketing establishments, annual payroll for employees in the industry, and sales numbers. Includes facts about telephone usage in U.S. households. From the U.S. Census Bureau. <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2003/cb03-ff14SE.html>

For books, see **Some Materials in Sociology Available in the Mesa College Library** handout.

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