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preface

The education that students receive should allow them to live fuller, richer, and more fruitful lives. Such a goal is ultimately the bedrock upon which we build and justify our careers as educators and sociologists. Students today face the challenges presented by the transformation to an information and global economy, the growth of biotechnology and cloning, the ever-expanding human population, and the environmental problems associated with population growth. To understand and live in this rapidly changing social environment, they need a solid foundation in sociological concepts and perspectives.

Sociology encourages us to examine aspects of our social environment that we might otherwise ignore, neglect, or take for granted, and it allows us to look beneath the surface of everyday life. The introductory course in sociology gives students the opportunity to use this sociological imagination in understanding and mastering their social world, and *Sociology: The Core* provides the information they need to do so.

Providing the Core

A course in sociology should broaden students' horizons, sharpen their observational skills, and strengthen their analytical capabilities. *Sociology: The Core* aims to make the introductory course manageable for instructors and students alike. The sixth edition returns to the core concept with a tighter, more readable text that provides the essentials. Although it has fewer total pages, it retains all the major sections of the fifth edition, with streamlined feature boxes, figures that present data critical to an introductory text, and a stick-to-the-basics approach. It provides the core of sociology—the basic foundations of the discipline.

The coverage of many key topics in Sociology: The Core—theory, culture, socialization, groups, formal organizations, deviance, social

stratification, race, gender, power, the family, religion, and social change—is equal to, and in many cases exceeds, that found in most other introductory textbooks. The **functionalist**, **conflict**, and **interactionist perspectives** are introduced in the first chapter and applied throughout the book. This helps students to develop a solid understanding of these major sociological perspectives and their contributions to the topics covered here, and it provides something for everyone in departments where all faculty members are required to use the same introductory textbook.

It would be presumptuous for any sociologist to program another sociologist's course. Instead, we hope that *Sociology: The Core* provides a solid resource—a common intellectual platform—that each instructor can use as a sound foundation in developing an introductory course. As a coherent presentation of sociological materials, a core text is an aid to pedagogy. Instructors can supplement the text with papers, readers, or monographs that meet their unique teaching needs. Likewise, students can use *Sociology: The Core* as a succinct source of information.

Bringing Students In

In Sociology: The Core, we seek to make sociology come alive as a vital and exciting field, to relate principles to real-world circumstances, and to attune students to the dynamic processes of our rapidly changing contemporary society. The study of a science can captivate student interest and excite their imagination. In this edition, we capitalize on students' desires to read about issues of interest to them with new feature boxes on campus rape, binge drinking, and gender-norm violations. Because students live and will work in an increasingly diverse and global world, we have increased coverage of global issues with a new box on

income inequality within societies around the world and cross-cultural comparisons integrated in various chapters. We continue to emphasize issues of race, ethnicity, and gender as a regular part of most topics in sociology, incorporating data and studies where appropriate throughout the book.

Pedagogical Aids

In selecting pedagogical aids for the text, we decided to use those that provide the most guidance with the least clutter and to focus on those that students are most likely to actually use.

Chapter Outline

Each chapter opens with an outline of its major headings; this allows students to preview at a glance the material to be covered.

Cross-Reference Icons

Referrals to material in other chapters are highlighted with "cross-reference" icons that provide specific page references, making it easy for students and instructors to find such material.

Key Terms

The terms most essential to the core of sociology are set in boldface type and are defined as they are presented in the text. These key terms appear in the chapter summaries, again in boldface type to emphasize their importance and to reinforce the student's memory. At the end of each chapter, a **Glossary** lists the key terms included in the chapter and provides their definitions. All key terms appear in the index, along with an indication of where they are first defined.

Chapter Summary

Each chapter concludes with a **Chapter in Brief** summary that uses the same outline of major headings used in the chapter opener. The

summary recapitulates the central points, allowing students to review what they have read in a systematic manner. The use of major headings allows students to return to the appropriate section in the chapter for more information. The Chapter in Brief includes all of the glossary terms, boldfaced to remind students that they are key terms.

Internet Exercises

Each chapter concludes with an **Internet Connection** that provides students with an opportunity to explore sociological data and information on the Internet and hone their critical thinking abilities.

Boxes

The sixth edition includes four types of boxes, all of which add to the concepts and theories discussed in the chapter in which they appear, and many of which add insights to other chapters as well.

Doing Social Research boxes focus on how social scientists approach various research problems; topics discussed have been chosen to illustrate or enhance the topics discussed in the chapter.

Sociology around the World boxes focus on sociological research that extends beyond the United States, on research done with subjects from outside the United States, on crosscultural sociological research, and on illustrations of sociological concepts in a variety of cultural settings.

Issues in Focus boxes explore from a sociological perspective controversial research findings, current events, and themes of interest to students.

Students Doing Sociology boxes summarize the experience of students who were asked to think like sociologists: to interpret certain events with sociological concepts and principles or to perform sociological research.

Additional *Students Doing Sociology* boxes are available in the Instructor's Manual. Instructors may wish to use them to create their own classroom exercises or assignments.

Figures and Tables

The data presented in the figures and tables throughout *Sociology: The Core* are as up-to-date as possible—and as accessible as we could make them. The figures and tables feature a new, more user-friendly design. Whenever possible, we have created figures from published data instead of simply presenting percentages and numbers from statistical sources. In some cases, we have generated original analyses from publicly available data sets. Sources for figures and tables include the U.S. Census Bureau, the National Center for Health, the General Social Survey, the Statistical Abstract of the United States, and the Survey on Consumer Finances.

Photographs and Cartoons

Photographs and cartoons serve both to draw the students in and to illustrate important concepts and principles. The sixth edition includes new and bigger photos and some new cartoons. Photo captions tie the photographs to the text, and cartoons, in addition to adding a light touch to the text and reinforcing important ideas, make points that can't be made any other way.

References

The sixth edition of *Sociology: The Core* presents new data and references throughout, including major updates in race and ethnicity; gender inequality; welfare reform and poverty; crime; wealth and income; and more. It includes hundreds of new references to major sociological journals, books, government documents and data sets, and popular media, most to sources published in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. Full citations appear at the end of the text.

Changes in the Sixth Edition

While the sixth edition retains all the core information of the fifth edition, there are a number of significant additions and enhancements. The sixth edition:

- Strengthens the focus on gender stratification as a structural feature of society and adds a consideration of feminism in the sociological perspectives section of the gender chapter.
- Includes a discussion of the new Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study in the deviance chapter and assesses the declining crime rate.
- Updates the debate on marriage and the value of the traditional family in the family chapter.
- Provides recent evidence on achievement in public schools in the United States and worldwide and a contemporary discussion of education as affected by school vouchers, private schools, and home schooling.
- Updates the discussion of stratification with new wealth data from the 1998 Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances, and adds a box on income inequality around the world.
- Includes the new data from the 2000 report on the Sexual Victimization of College Women from the National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics in the gender chapter.
- Revises the discussion of social mobility to reflect differences in status attainment for women and African Americans.
- Adds a new table on subcultural slang (featuring kitchen workers and kayakers) in the culture chapter.
- Uses recent research findings on church attendance and on the importance of religion

to individuals to illustrate the role **religion** plays in U.S. society.

- Discusses the changing organization of health care in the United States and its effect on medicine.
- Strengthens the presentation of race, ethnicity, and gender in political and economic power.
- Incorporates all-new population pyramids, population data, and a focus on differential population growth in various parts of the world.
- Emphasizes the technological and communications revolution in the social change chapter.
- Includes a consideration of the effect of the Internet on organizations, including a discussion of virtual offices and virtual companies.
- While retaining separate sections, strengthens the connections between the discussions of cities, population, and the environment.

Sociology: The Core was originally conceived and written by James W. Vander Zanden, and much of his work is retained in this sixth edition. However, he did not participate in this revision and is not responsible for any new material, changes, or additions in the sixth edition. Michael Hughes and Carolyn J. Kroehler are responsible for all of the revisions and changes in both the fifth and sixth editions.

Ancillary Materials

The sixth edition of *Sociology: The Core* is accompanied by a number of supplementary learning and teaching aids.

For the Student Student Study Guide

For each chapter, the study guide offers major learning objectives; matching and multiple-

choice practice test items to help students grasp the key concepts; short essay questions; a list of selected readings; and a list of related references and useful websites.

Student's Online Learning Center (OLC)

This is a Web-based, interactive study guide featuring URLs relevant to each topic, Internet exercises, chapter quizzes, chapter overviews, learning objectives, key-term flashcards, and more for each chapter. Please visit at www.mhhe.com/hughes6.

PowerWeb

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- Web links and articles.
- Study tools—quizzing, review forms, time management tools, Web research.
- Interactive exercises.
- Weekly updates with assessment.
- Informative and timely world news.
- Material on how to conduct Web research.
- · Daily news feed of topic-specific news.
- Access to the Northern Lights Research Engine.

For further information, visit the PowerWeb site at http://mhhe/NewMedia/dushkin/index.html#powerweb.

For the Instructor

Instructor's Manual

Each chapter in the Instructor's Manual offers techniques for reinforcing the material in the corresponding chapter in the text. Each offers a series of core quotes from the text, followed by a list of instructional objectives inferred from these quotes; focus questions; practice quizzes; suggestions for lectures and handouts; suggestions for projects, activities, and writing assignments, including critical thinking exercises, Internet exercises, and "Students Doing Sociology" boxes. There are also annotated lists of films/videos and reading resources.

Test Bank

The printed test bank offers 70 multiple-choice, 25 true-false, and 12 essay questions for each chapter. It is also available as a computerized test bank.

PowerPoint Slides

A collection of tables and figures from the text, augmented by a number of additional graphics provided by the authors, allows instructors to add visual content to their classes and Web sites.

Instructor's Online Learning Center (OLC)

Password-protected, the Instructor's OLC contains a variety of resources, activities, and classroom tips. The Instructor's Manual, PowerPoint slides, and more can be accessed electronically on this site, www.mhhe.com/hughes6.

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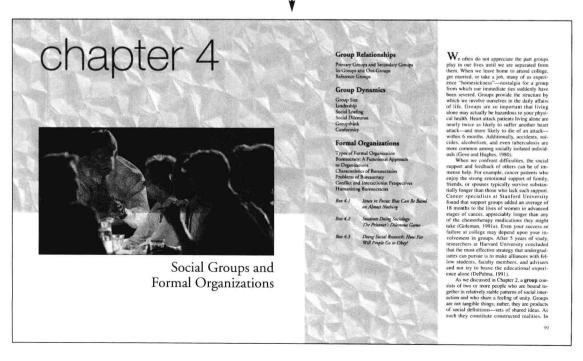
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Chapter Opener and Outline

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Cross-Reference System

New References in the text to concepts discussed in previous chapters are highlighted with cross-reference icons with page numbers, making it easy for students and instructors to find and review the earlier material.

Thematic Boxes

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Each office or position has clearly defined duties and responsibilities. In this manner, the regular activities of
the organization are arranged within a clear-cut division of labor.

2. All offices are organized in a hierarchy of authority that takes the shape of a pyramid. Officials are held accountable to their superiors for subordinates' actions and decisions in addition to their own.

accountable to their superiors for subordinates' actions and decisions in addition to their own. All activities are governed by a consistent system of abstarct less and regulations that define the responsibilities of the various offices and the relationships among them. They ensure the coordination of sensetial tasks and uniformity in performance regardless of changes in personal. 4. All offices carry with them qualifications and see filled on the basis of technical competence, not personal considerations. Presembly, trained individuals to better work than those who gain an office on the basis family ties, personal friendship, or political flows: Competence is established by certification (e.g., college depress) or examination (e.g., coll a review texts).

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Employment by the organization is defined as a curer. Promotion is based on according or merit, or both. After a probationary period, individuals gain the security of tenure and are protected against arbitrary disminual. In privilegh, this feature makes officials be assured period; be consider personal organization of the considerative decisions, rules, procedures, and activities are recorded in written documents preserved in permanent files.

Figure 4.1 Characteristics of Weber's Ideal Bureaucracy

cies, the degree and forms of bureaucratization vary (Perrow, 1986), in addition, globalization, rapid social change, and the introduction of new technologies are producing much innovation in real-world organizations, and this is changing how social scientists thick about organizations (Liker, Haddad, and Kurlin, 1999; Arifec, 2001).

Characteristics of Bureaucracies

The German sociologist Max Weber (1946, 1947) was impressed by the ability of bureau-cracies to rationalize and control the process by which people collectively pursue their goals. He developed a description of bureaucracy as ne develope a description of nureactracy as an ideal type of organization. As pointed out in 130 + Chapter I, an ideal type is a concept constructed by sociologists to portray the prin-cipal characteristics of a phenomenon. Such an analysis of bureaucracy abstracts common ele-ments from organizations as diverse as a gov-

ernment agency, the Roman Catholic Church, the Teamsters' Union, 18M, and Yale University and arrives at a model for describing and analyzing organizational arrangements. Perhaps no actual organization is exactly file the model in all respects, but the model isolates the important elements of organizational structure in the control of the control of

At first glance, the abstract description pre-sented in Figure 4.1 seems pretty irrelevant to our daily lives. But it does outline the kind of onal structure most of us would like organizational structure most of us would like to be able to take for granted. Though we dis-like bureaucracy and can feel alienated by it, most of us expect that the organizations we en-counter will work the way Weber described, and we feel misrated if they do no. For example, we wish those holding posi-tions in our schools, government, and corpora-tions to gain these offices and exercise power because of their ability and competence, not



3.2 ISSUES IN FOCUS

What Happens to Adolescent Girls-and Why?

years, boys and girls are similar in terms of academic achievement, mental health, drop precipitously.

How big is the difference between boys and girls? science at a higher rate than boys, and at age 15 even the girls who like math and science are half as likely as science are half as likely as boys to feel competent in these subjects (Orenstein, 1994). Others have noted similar trends. A study of 15- and 16-year-olds found that girls reported significantly higher levels of distress than boys (Sourander, Helstela,

- At every age after seventh grade, twice as many girls as boys reported at least one suicide attempt.
- Girls experience high emo-tional stress at a rate much higher than boys. (Harris, Blum, and Resnick, 1991).

Why does all this happen to girls? While no one seems to have a definitive answer,



5.2 DOING SOCIAL RESEARCH

What Explains College Binge Drinking?

Close to half of the college students who drink say that they usually binge when they drink—five drinks at a sitting for males, four for females—and Lee et al., 2000). Why is binge drinking so common among college students? No carefully designed studies have been done to answer this question, both control theory and

And for those who live in fraternity or sorority houses, the percentage of binge drinking is even higher (Wechsler, Lee et al., 2000). Differential association is even more important for underage drinkers, who are six time: more likely to binge drink if they live in a fratemity or sorority house than if they live in a traditional single-sex domitory (Wechsler, Kuo et al., 2000). Fratemal ons are not the only

college athletes are more likely than other students to have friends who are binge drinkers,

and who spend a great del time socializing. What about control theory? Students who are married are far less likely to binge drink, and control theory explains this by pointing to the process of commitment. People who are married have nships that could be



6.1 SOCIOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD

The Indian Caste System and Race in America

The traditional caste system in India is both a system of stratified social inequality and a system of interdependence. system of Interdependence. The Brahmins, the most pure, serve as priests and have privileges other members of Indian society do not. The Kshattryas protect society; the hold top military and political positions. Farming, livestock production, and commerce are jobs filled by the Valsyas, and the last caste, the Sudras, the last caste, the Sudras,

- Membership in a caste is hereditary.
 Marriage within one's caste is mandatory.
- 3. Mobility is nearly impos-
- Occupation is strongly re-lated to caste.

In short, one is born into one's does the work dictated by

The first, that membership in a caste is hereditary, obviously applies to race. In practice, people are sometimes able to move up in the caste system in India by "marrying up." In the United States, in contrast, the racial status of biracial children born South during the eras of slavery and Jim Crow laws, a



7.2 STUDENTS DOING SOCIOLOGY

Institutional Discrimination

The institutions of modern societies are often structured in ways that deny equal opportunities to the members of certain ethnic and racial arround. Students in groups. Students in introductory sociology classes used archival and observational research techniques to see how tending the second state of the second sec institutional discrimination restricts the entrance of African Americans to major state universities. They found school years that shaped their later academic opportunities. Suburban school systems, overwhelmingly white in composition, provide solid composition, provide solid preparation in mathematics. Students from these schools are given the training essential for attacking premed, engineering, and accounting courses. In contrast, students in inner-city schools with large African-American enrollment typically have had access to less donorsy concerned. for winning financial support for the institution from state legislators, alumni, and corporate contributors. As a result universities feet it necessary to field winning football and basketball teams Significantly, the football and basketball programs—the two principal and most financially remunerative sonts—are remunerative sports—are carried disproportionately by African-American youths (in contrast, swimming, golf, and

Chapter in Brief

Each chapter concludes with a summary that uses the same outline of major headings used in the chapter opener, recapitulating the central points and allowing students to review in a systematic manner what they have read.

Glossary bilineal An arrangement family Traditionally lifestyle The overall pattern of living that people based on reckoning descent defined as a social group and transmitting property whose members are related evolve to meet their through both the father and by ancestry, marriage, or biological, social, and emotional needs. adoption and who live together, cooperate complementary needs Two marriage A socially approved sexual union economically, and care for different personality traits that are the counterparts of each between two or more family life course Changes other and that provide a sense individuals which is and realignments related to the undertaken with some idea of of completeness when they altered expectations and requirements imposed on a egalitarian authority An matching hypothesis The husband and a wife as arrangement in which power notion that we typically children are born and grow up. and authority are equally experience the greatest payoff family of orientation distributed between husband and the least cost when we nuclear family that consists select partners who have a of oneself and one's father. degree of physical endogamy The requirement mother, and siblings attractiveness similar to that marriage occur within a family of procreation A nuclear family that consists of oneself and one's spouse matriarchal authority exchange theory The view A family arrangement in proposing that people involved in a mutually and children which power is vested in

The Chapter in Brief: Developing a Sociological Consciousness

The Sociological Perspective Sociology is the scientific study of social

interaction and social organization.

New Levels of Reality. The sociological perspective encourages us to examine aspects of our social environment in

examine aspects of our social environment in ways that delve beneath the surface. As we look beyond the outer appearances of our social world, we encounter new levels of reality.

The Sociological Imagination. The

■ The Sociological Imagination. The essence of the sociological imagination is the ability to see our private experiences and personal difficulties as entwined with the structural arrangements of our society and the times in which we live.

Microsociology and Macrosociology.

Microsociology is the detailed study of what
people say, do, and think moment by moment
as they go about their daily lives.
Macrosociology focuses upon large-scale and
long-term social processes of organizations,
institutions, and broad social patterns.

and was among the first to do systematic, scientifically based, social research. Her comparative analysis of slavery and the position of women in the Western world paved the way for feminist scholarship and the further pursuit of gender equality.

A Herbert Spencer and Social
Darwinism. Herbert Spencer depicted
society as a system, a whole made up of
interrelated parts. He also set forth an
evolutionary theory of historical development.
Social Darwinsm is Spencer's application of
evolutionary notions and the concept of
survival of the firsts to the social world.

■ Karl Marx: The Role of Class Conflict.
Karl Marx focused his search for the basic
principles of history on the economic
environments in which societies develop. He
believed that societies idevelop. He
believed that societies idevelop who own the means of producing wealth and those
who do not, giving rise to class conflict.
Dialectical materialism is Marx's theory that
development depends on the Clash of

Glossary

Each chapter includes a Glossary of the key terms. In addition, to reinforce the importance of these terms, the Chapter in Brief includes all of the glossary terms in bold face.

Internet Connection

satisfying relationship will

exchange behaviors that have

New An exercise at the end of each chapter encourages students to go online to analyze topics and issues relevant to the chapter content.

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marriage of two or more

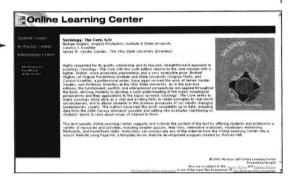
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