

## Sociological Compass

Peter Berger. *Invitation to Sociology: A Humanistic Approach* (New York: Doubleday, 1963). A classic, brief introduction to the discipline by one of Americas most respected sociologists.

William Ryan. *Blaming the Victim*.

Call Number: HN 65 R9 1972

Ryan's presentation is put forward in a common-sense manner, and he provides a rational refutation on commonly held beliefs on problems ranging from poverty to child abuse. This is a book worth getting if for no other reason to reevaluate how we look at problems and more importantly how to go about solving them.

Steven Lukes. *Émile Durkheim; his life and work, : A historical and critical study*

Call Number: HM 22 F8 D818 1978

This is the best book ever written concerning Emile Durkheim

Randall Collins. *Sociological Insight: An Introduction to Non-Obvious Sociology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992). A leading American sociologist highlights some of sociology's most surprising insights.

Anthony Giddens. *Sociology: A Brief But Critical Introduction*, 2nd ed. (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1987). A spirited, conflict-based introduction to the Discipline by Britain's leading sociologist.

Karl Marx. *Karl Marx Selected Writings In Sociology and Social Philosophy*

Call Number: HM 57 M33

Tom Bottomore's collection is the best place to start to understand Marxist thought. This book was put together in light of the publication in the '60s of many of Marx's early works which had been previously unavailable. They outline the roots of Marx's mature philosophy from a perspective that's more libertarian and romantic than his later writings indicate.

Donald Gunn Macrae. *Max Weber*

Call Number: HM 22 G3 W4546

A powerful biography of the most amazing analyst of bureaucracy in the history of human endeavor.

*Marx for Beginners*

Call Number: HX 39.5 R54313 1979

A superb little book in a most improbable format....I recommend it unreservedly for anyone who wants the rudiments of Marx from an engaging mentor....Rius on Marx is magnificent. He shows that pictures can amplify ideas, and that simplicity need not forgo subtlety. A cartoon book about Marx? Are you sure it's Karl, not Groucho?

George Herbert Mead. *Mind, Self and Society from the Standpoint of a Social Behaviorist*  
Call Number: HM 251 M4

A critical and insightful journey through a knowing mind.

Erving Goffman. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*

Call Number: HM 291 G6 1959

A study of human behavior in social situations and the way we appear to others. Dr. Goffman has employed as a framework the metaphor of theatrical performance. Discussions of social techniques are based upon detailed research and observation of social customs in many regions.

W. Richard Stephens, JR. *Careers in Sociology*, 2nd ed. (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1999). Two dozen revealing portraits of how sociology graduates have used their education to find interesting, secure, and well-paying jobs in a wide range of fields.

### **Research Methods**

Earl Babbie. *The Practice of Social Research*, rev ed. of 9th ed. (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2000 [1973]). This book is generally considered to be the best single-volume introduction to sociological research methods. Babbie is a real craftsman, and he explains in detail how to use all the tools in the sociologist's kit.

William H. Frey with Cheryl L. First. *Investigating Change in American Society: Exploring Social Trends with United States Census Data and StudentChip* (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1997). This book shows you how to get your hands good and dirty analyzing data. In a clear and engaging way, Frey and First ask serious research questions and show you how to answer them using recent United States census data and a simple statistics program, both of which are provided on diskette.

Carol Tavris. *The Mismeasure of Women* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992). A path-breaking and provocative work by a leading academic feminist. In a hard-hitting but balanced style, Tavris shows how social science research has systematically produced biased findings by considering men the normal standard against which everyone should be judged and measured.

William Foote Whyte. *Street Corner Society : The Social Structure of an Italian Slum*  
Call Number: HV 6439 U5 W5

The book represents a look at a segment of American society, as it existed at a specific point in history (the tail end of the depression).

### **Culture**

Edward Twitchell Hall. *The Silent Language*

Call Number: HM 258 H3 1961

Leading anthropologist Hall analyzes the many aspects of non-verbal communication and considers the concepts of space and time as tools for transmission of messages. His

stimulating work is of interest to both the intelligent general reader and the sophisticated social scientist.

Christopher Lasch. *Culture of Narcissism: American Life in an Age of Diminishing Expectations*

Call Number: HN 65 L33 1980

This book really has insights into the origins of the continuing culture war that divides the urban coastal elite from the mainstream of America. It does a lot to explain the origins of the "Red" versus the "Blue" divide in the Election 2000 and possibly election 2004.

Bennett M. Berger. *The Survival of a Counterculture: Ideological Work and Everyday Life Among Rural Communards*

Call Number: HQ 971.5 C2 B47

Michel Foucault. *Care of the Self the History of Sexuality*

Call Number: HQ 12 F6813 1988

The Care of the Self is the third and possibly final volume of Michel Foucault's widely acclaimed examination of "the experience of sexuality in Western society." Foucault takes us into the first two centuries of our own era, into the Golden Age of Rome, to reveal a subtle but decisive break from the classical Greek vision of sexual pleasure. He skillfully explores the whole corpus of moral reflection among philosophers (Plutarch, Epictetus, Marcus Aurelius, Seneca) and physicians of the era, and uncovers an increasing mistrust of pleasure and growing anxiety over sexual activity and its consequences.

Vance Oakley Packard. *A Nation of Strangers*

Call Number: HN 65 P3

In Nation of Strangers, Packard argued that the increasing mobility of the American workforce was destined to have unforeseen and deleterious effects on society. To begin with he stated the fundamental problem : Personal isolation is becoming a major social fact of our time.

Paul Goodman. *Growing Up Absurd: Problems of Youth in the Organized System.*

Call Number: HQ 796 G645 1960

an interesting critique of modern society (c. 1960). If one can get around many of his assumptions (i.e, everyone is in the rat race, man!) and his sometimes facile diagnostics (progressive education is the panacea!) the book has a lot to say to a modern reader.

R.C. Lewontin. *Biology as Ideology: The Doctrine of DNA* (New York: Harper Collins, 1991). A brilliant short critique of sociology, evolutionary psychology, and related ideologies by one of the world's leading scientists.

Mark Anthony Neal. *What the Music Said: Black Popular Music and Black Public Culture* (New York: Routledge, 1999).

Call Number: ML3479 .N43 1999

A fine case study in the sociology of culture. Shows how post-World War II black popular music emerged from the struggle to maintain community in the face of poverty and brutality.

### **Socialization**

Patricia A. Adler and Peter Ader. *Peer Power: Preadolescent Culture and Identity* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1998).

Call Number: HQ784 .P43 A35 1998

The best sociological study of the role of peer groups in preadolescent socialization.

Erich Fromm. *The Sane Society*

Call Number: HM 271 F75 1965

*The Sane Society* is a continuation and extension of the brilliant psychiatric concepts Erich Fromm first formulated in *Escape from Freedom*; it is also, in many ways, an answer to Freud's *Civilization and its Discontents*. Fromm examines man's escape into overconformity and the danger of robotism in contemporary industrial society: modern humanity has, he maintains, been alienated from the world of their own creation.

Sigmund Freud. *Civilization and Its Discontents*. James Strachey, trans. (New York: W.W. Norton, 1962 [1930]).

Call Number: BF173 .F682

Freud's classic explanation of how there can be no civilization without repression.

Patricia Hersch. *A Tribe Apart: A Journey Into the Heart of American Adolescence* (New York: Ballantine Books, 1998).

Call Number: HQ796 .H43 1998

An insightful portrait of American adolescents today.

### **Groups**

Erving Goffman. *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life* (Garden City, NY: Anchor, 1959 [1956]).

Call Number: HM 291 G6

The classic dramaturgical analysis and the model for many later works.

Rosabeth Moss Kanter. *Men and Women of the Corporation* (New York: Basic, 1977).

Call Number: HD58.7 .K36

A landmark study of gender in corporate America. Shows how social interaction shapes social organizations and show social organizations shape social interactions.

George Ritzer. *The Mcdonaldization of Society*.

Call Number: [HM706 .R57 2000](#)

Ritzer explains why the world is increasingly being organized on the model of a McDonald's restaurant. He also asks whether McDonaldization is avoidable. His answer: probably not.

Sims. *Klan*

Call Number: HS 2330 K63 S54

"The Klan" tells the story of the author's trek across the South and details the conversations she had with many active in the KKK (Klan) movement. The first half of the book concentrates on her experiences with some of the minor figures in the movement. Most of these (Grand Dragons- statewide Klan leaders) were small personalities with half-formed ideas about racial inferiority and a half-baked sense of some "Jewish Conspiracy".

Jessie L. Embry. *Mormon Polygamous Families: Life in the Principle (Publications in Mormon Studies, Vol 1)*

Call Number: HQ 994 E52 1987

Eric Hoffer. *The True Believer : Thoughts on the Nature of Mass Movements*

Call Number: HM 281 H6

A stevedore on the San Francisco docks in the 1940s, Eric Hoffer wrote philosophical treatises in his spare time while living in the railroad yards. *The True Believer* is a visionary, highly provocative look into the mind of the fanatic and a penetrating study of how an individual becomes one.

### **Deviance and Crime**

Lloyd W. Klemke. *The Sociology of Shoplifting: Boosters and Snitches Today (Praeger Series in Criminology and Crime Control Policy)* HV 6658 K54 1992

Klemke provides an up-to-date review and analysis of the research and theoretical work on shoplifting. The analysis is structured by the three questions which dominate the sociology of deviance literature: (1) Who shoplifts and how do they do it? (the descriptive question); (2) why do they shoplift? (the etiological question); and (3) how do store personnel and the legal system deal with shoplifters? (the prevention/deterrence/labeling question).

Chris Gosselin. *Sexual Variations: Fetishism, sadomasochism and transvestism*.

HQ 79 G67

Michael Foucault. *Discipline and Punish* (New York: Vintage, 1977 [1975]).

Call Number: HV8666 .F6813 1995

One of the most influential and stimulating analyses of the development of the prison.

John Irwin. *The jail: Managing the underclass in American society*

Call Number: HV 8324 I79 1985

A remarkable inside account, inspired by Goffman, of the effects of jail on inmates and the social functions of jails in the US: managing the "rabble" and enforcing a social order built on vertiginous inequalities. Superbly written and argued, a model of responsible social inquiry.

John Hagan. *Crime and Disrepute* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 1994).

Call Number: HV6025 .H268 1994

A clear and concise overview of crime, deviance, law and punishment.

Mike Maguire, Rod Morgan and Robert Reiner, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*. (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994).

Call Number: HV6025 .O87 1997

Everything you always wanted to know about crime and criminology. Although the focus is on Britain, the book is full of interesting ideas and covers current controversies.

Stanley Milgram. *Obedience to Authority*

Call Number: HM 271 M47

Drawing the subjects for his experiment from a varied cross-section of contemporary American society, Milgram shows what "normal" people are capable of doing when they can justify their actions or deny responsibility.

Jerome G. Miller. *Search and Destroy: African-American Males in the Criminal Justice System*. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996).

Call Number: HV9950 .M55 1997

A modern classic on racial bias in United States criminal justice system.

Jeffrey H. Reiman. *The rich get richer and the poor get prison: ideology, class, and criminal justice* (Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1996).

Call Number: HV9950 .R46 2007

A modern classic on class bias in the United States criminal justice system.

### **Stratification**

Gerald D. Suttles. *The Social Order of the Slum: Ethnicity and Territory in the Inner City*

Call Number: HN 80 C5 S97

The studies done in this book would be more difficult and dangerous to duplicate today. The authors lived in a low-income neighborhood in the 1960's and were able to closely observe community and gang behavior; they have many good insights into the nature of social relationships. If they tried the same study today, the people in the "slum" would first want to negotiate the movie rights!

S. H. Rigby, S.H. Rigby. *English Society in the Later Middle Ages: Class, Status, and Gender*

Call Number: HN 398 E5 R54 1995

An intimate and readable account of class, status and gender.

Michael Harrington. *The Other America*

Call Number: HV91 H3 1969

This is the seminal work on the poor in America, analyzed within the context of government proffered, anti-poverty programs. It is a scathing critique and analysis of the war on poverty, where bold rhetoric and political grandstanding have often supplanted action.

Richard Breen and David B. Rottman. *Class Stratification: A Comparative Perspective* (New York: Harvester Wheatsheaf, 1995). A concise and up-to-date overview of major issues in the field.

Steve Brouwer. *Sharing the Pie: A Citizen's Guide to Wealth and Power and America* (New York: Holt, 1998). An accessible guide to income and wealth inequality in the contemporary United States.

David B. Grusky, ed. *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective*. (Boulder, CO: Westview, 1994).

Call Number: HM821 .S65 2001

An anthology of key articles in the field of social stratification.

Tamara L. Roleff. *The Homeless: Opposing Viewpoints*

Call Number: HV 4505 H655 1990

Expresses contrasting views on whether homelessness is a problem, the causes of the condition, housing options, and the role of society and government in its alleviation.

### **Race / Ethnicity**

Stephen Jay Gould. *The Mismeasure of Man*, rev ed. (New York: Norton, 1996 [1981]).

Call Number: BF431 .G68 1996

A Pulitzer-Prize-winning study of the abuse of science in the study of racial differences.

Alexander Saxton. *The Rise and Fall of the White Republic* (London: Verso, 1990).

Call Number: E184 .A1 S28 2003

A provocative history of ethnic and racial divisions in the 19th-century United States.

Stephen Steinberg. *The Ethnic Myth: Race, Ethnicity, and Class in America*, updated ed. (Boston Press, 1989 [1981]).

Call Number: E184 .A1 S794 2001

A compelling analysis of the social-structural bases of race and ethnicity.

William Julius Wilson. *When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor* (New York: Knopf, 1996).

Call Number: HV4045 .W553 1997

Since 1970, global economic reorganization has substantially decreased the number of manufacturing jobs available to America's unskilled workers, who are disproportionately black. This book analyzes the negative consequences for the African-American community.

### **Gender**

Ashley Montagu. *The Natural Superiority of Women*

Call Number: HQ 206 M65 1974

Ironically, the seminal work in the feminist movement was written by a man. Montagu's masterpiece should be read, rather than dismissed off-hand as folly. It is a frank and liberating revelation of female superiority. As humans, we should strive for enlightenment and this book will surely expose your fundamental assumptions (i.e., myths) and demolish them.

Deborah Blum. *Sex on the Brain: The Biological Differences Between Men and Women* (New York: Penguin, 1997).

Call Number: QP81.5 .B58 1998

The subtitle is a misnomer. This Pulitzer-Prize-winning science writer discusses not just the biological differences between men and women but the interaction between biology and environment.

Riane Eisler. *The Chalice and the Blade: Our History, Our Future* (New York: Harper Collins, 1995 [1987]).

Call Number: HQ1075 .E57 1995

The big picture on gender inequality. Eisler's brilliant examination of the archeological record uncovers the historical origins of gender inequality and suggests that now, for the first time in 7,000 years, we are in a position to put an end to it.

Betty Friedan *The Feminine Mystique*

Call Number: HQ 1420 F7 1970

This is the book that defined "the problem that has no name," that launched the Second Wave of the feminist movement, and has been awakening women and men with its insights into social relations, which still remain fresh, ever since. A national bestseller, with over 1 million copies sold.

Susan Griffin. *Pornography and silence: Culture's revenge against nature*

Call Number: HQ 471 G74

Herb Goldberg. *The Hazards of Being Male: Surviving the Myth of Masculine Privilege*

Call Number: HQ 1067 G63 1977

This book was originally written in 1976, and is considered one of the classics of the men's rights movement. In it, psychologist Dr. Herb Goldberg takes years of clinical

experience, and concludes that men, far from being the privileged sex, are actually out of touch with their bodies and emotions, and unhealthily dependent on women.

Sharlene Hesse-Biber and Greg Lee Carter. *Working Women in America: Split Dreams* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000).

Call Number: HD6095 .H474 2000

A clear, brief and comprehensive overview of how family, school, the mass media and the economy intersect and structure women's work and aspirations in the paid labor force and the family.

Irvin Solomon. *Feminism and Black Activism in Contemporary America: An Ideological Assessment (Contributions in Women's Studies)*

Call Number: HN 65 S583 1989

[T]his is the only book currently available that looks at the black activist and feminist movements together. Solomon makes a defensible case for his analysis, and he sustains his argument with a great deal of useful information, analyzing 'classic' women's liberation texts, searching out archival material, and conducting some very interesting interviews."

### **Work**

Randy Hodson and Theresa Sullivan. *The Social Organization of Work*, 2nd ed. (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 1995 [1990]). The latest edition of the definitive undergraduate textbook in the sociology of work.

Lawrence Mishel, Jared Bernstein, and John Schmitt. *The State of Working America (various years)* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1999).

Call Number: HC106.83 .M57 or HJ2051 .M574

An informative overview of work and the economy in the United States, full of useful statistics.

Karl Polanyi. *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time* (Boston: Beacon, 1957 [1944]). The classic account of the rise and decline of free-market society.

### **Politics**

Amitai Etzioni. *Spirit Of Community*

Call Number: HN 90 C6 E88 1993

Explains how Americans need to develop or restore a sense of community in order to reconstruct society. Etzioni explores the rapidly growing grass-roots political movement that calls for a new balance between individual rights and social responsibility.

G. William Domhoff. *Who Rules America? Power and Politics*

Call Number: HN 58 D58

Drawing from a power elite perspective and the latest empirical data, Domhoff's classic text is an invaluable tool for teaching students about how power operates in U.S. society.

Philip Slater. *A Dream Deferred: America's Discontent and the Search for a New Democratic Ideal*

Call Number: HN 65 S5649 1991

America's Discontent and the Search for a New Democratic Ideal. Convincingly demonstrates that democratic processes, however messy and confusing, ultimately yield the most intelligent and flexible responses to a complex world.

Dan Clawson, Alan Neustadt and Denise Scott. *Money Talks: Corporate PACS and Political Influence* (New York: Basic Books, 1992). Shows how PACS influence and dominate the political process in America.

Samuel Huntington. *The Third Wave: Democratization in the Late Twentieth Century* (Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1991).

Call Number: JC421 .H86 1991

An account of the sweep and limits of democracy around the world.

William Roth. *The Handicapped Speak*

Call Number: HV 1553 R67

Piven, Frances Fox. *Why Americans still don't vote : and why politicians want it that way*

Call Number: JK1987 .P58 2000

Shows how disadvantaged Americans have been disenfranchised from politics.

### **Families**

Andrew J. Cherlin. *Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage*, revised and enlarged ed.

(Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1992 [1981]).

Call Number: HQ535 .C415 1992

A concise and rock- solid presentation of some major issues in sociology of the family. Makes excellent use of demographic and survey data.

Stephanie Coontz. *The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with America's Changing Families* (New York: Basic Books, 1997).

Call Number: HQ535 .C644 1997

A well-written account from a feminist perspective of how history and sociology can help us come to grips with the problems facing American families today.

David Popenoe. *Life Without Father: Compelling New Evidence that Fatherhood and Marriage are Indispensable for the Good of Children and Society* (New York: Martin Kessler Books, 1996).

Call Number: HQ756 .P65 1996

The authoritative conservative view. This book relates today's major social problems to the breakdown of the traditional nuclear family.

Lillian B. Rubin. *Families on the Fault Line* (New York: Harper Collins, 1994).

Call Number: HQ536 .R78 1995

A compassionate, in-depth account of the strains experienced by working-class families in America due to the economic upheavals of recent decades.

Gail Sheehy. *Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life*

Call Number: HQ 1064 U5 S522 1976

At last, this is your story. You'll recognize yourself, your friends, and your loves. You'll see how to use each life crisis as an opportunity for creative change -- to grow to your full potential.

### **Religion / Education**

Gary Orfield and Susan E. Eaton. *Dismantling Desegregation: The Quiet Reversal of Brown v. Board of Education* (New York: New Press, 1996).

Call Number: LC212.62 .O72 1996

Shows how recent government policies have effectively resegregated American schools.

Max Weber. *The Protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1958 [1904-5]).

Call Number: BR115 .C3 W413 2002

A classic; one of the most important works in the sociology of religion.

### **Mass Media**

Manuel Castells. *The Information Age: Economy, Society and Culture*, 3 vols (Oxford: Blackwell, 1996-1999). An ambitious effort to paint a comprehensive picture of the society of the "information age," in which the mass media play a key role.

Stuart Ewen. *PR!: A Social History of pin* (New York: Basic, 1997). Shows how various mass media organizations manipulate images and messages.

Douglas Kellner. *Media Culture: Cultural Studies, Identity and Politics Between the Modern and the Postmodern* (New York: Routledge, 1995).

Call Number: P92 .U5 K38 1995

Assesses the production, meaning, and reception of contemporary American mass culture. A balanced and comprehensive interpretation.

Jackson Lears. *Fables of Abundance: A Cultural History of Advertising in America* (New York: Basic, 1994).

Call Number: HF5813 .U6 L418 1994

A fascinating history of American advertising, one of the main engines of media growth.

## Health

Peter Conrad and Joseph W. Schneider. *Deviance and Medicalization: From Badness to Sickness*, expanded ed. (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1992 [1980]). This classic won the 1981 Charles Horton Cooley Award of the Society for the Study of Social Interaction. In a series of case studies on mental illness, alcoholism, opiate addiction, and other forms of deviance, it shows how the growth of the medical and psychiatric professions led to the medicalization of deviance in the 20th century.

Peter Laslett. *A Fresh Map of Life: The Emergence of the Third Age* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1991 [1989]).

Call Number: HQ1064 .G7 L37 1991

A leading historical demographer reconsiders the role of the elderly.

Theda Skocpol. *Boomerang: Clinton's Health Security Effort and the Turn against Government in United States Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1996). An analysis of the rise and fall of President Clinton's attempt to reform national health care.

Paul Starr. *The Social Transformation of American Medicine* (New York: Basic, 1982).

Call Number: RA395 .A3 S77 1982

In this Pulitzer-Prize-winning book, Starr traces the social, political, and economic rise of physicians, from their lowly status in the 18th century to the powerful positions they occupy today.

## Population

John Hannigan. *Fantasy City: Pleasure and Profit in the Postmodern Metropolis* (New York: Routledge, 1998).

Call Number: HT123 .H337 1998

An entertaining and perceptive analysis of the postindustrial city as an entertainment hub.

John Lie. *Han Unbound: The Political Economy of South Korea* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1998).

A case study of the successes and limitations of development in one of the world's leading semiperipheral countries.

Massimo Livi-Bacci. *A concise History of World Population* (Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 1992).

Call Number: HB871 .L56513 2001

A definitive introduction by one of the world's leading demographers.

Eric R. Wolf. *Europe and the People without History* (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 1982).

Call Number: D208 .W64 1997

A broad and rich analysis of colonization and development from a dependency theory perspective.

### **Social Change**

Hanspeter Kreisi, et al. *New Social Movements in Western Europe* (Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 1995).

Call Number: HN373.5 .N495 1995

One of the best empirical analysis of new social movements.

Frances Fox Piven and Richard A. Cloward. *Poor People's Movements: Why They Succeed, How They Fail* (New York: Vintage, 1977). An influential study of the unemployed workers' and industrial workers' movements of the 1930s and the civil rights and welfare rights movements of the 1960s. Argues that the poor have fared best by engaging in mass defiance and disruption.

John Naisbitt..*Megatrends: Ten New Directions Transforming Our Lives*

HN 59.2 N34 1982

The book built from the principle that the "most reliable way to anticipate the future is by understanding the present." Although the book relies a lot on that method (by examining current beginnings that could turn into mighty rivers), its real power comes from the long-term perspective of how an information society will be different from the prior industrial one.

Charles A. Reich.*The Greening of America*

HN 59 R38 1971

"If there was any doubt about the need for social transformation in 1970, that need is clear and urgent today....I am now more convinced than ever that the conflict and suffering now threatening to engulf us are entirely unnecessary, and a tragic waste of our energy and resources. We can create an economic system that is not at war with human beings or nature, and we can get from here to there by democratic means."--from the new Preface by Charles A. Reich.

Sidney Tarrow. *Power in Movement: Social Movements, Collective Action and Politics* (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1994).

Call Number: HM291 .T353 1998 An excellent synthesis of resource mobilization and framing theories. Also underlines the importance of political structures in shaping discontent.

### **Technology and the Global Environment**

Lester R. Brown, Janet N. Abramovitz, Linda Starke et al. *State of the World, (Current)* .  
HN 980 H83

This popular annual contains a rich compendium of facts and interpretations about the environmental condition of the planet. It also proposes workable solutions.

Guy. Hunter. *Modernizing Peasant Societies; A Comparative Study in Asia and Africa.*

Robert Pool. *Beyond Engineering: How Society Shapes Technology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997).

Call Number: T45 .P66 1997

A lucid analysis of how social factors influence technological development, with particular emphasis on nuclear power.

Jeremy Rifkin. *The Biotech Century: Harnessing the Gene and Remaking the World* (New York: Jeremy P. Tarcher/Putnam, 1998).

Call Number: TP248.2 .R54 1998

An alarming account of the potential and problems of the technology that promises to change humanity more than any other.