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# Sociology: The Essentials



## Synopsis

**SOCIOLOGY: THE ESSENTIALS**, Eighth Edition, uses the theme of debunking myths to look behind the facades of everyday life, encourage you to question common assumptions, and help you better understand how society is constructed and sustained. This thorough yet streamlined text provides exceptional coverage of diversity, including social factors such as age, religion, sexual orientation, and region of residence, in addition to race, ethnicity, class, and gender. Updated with coverage of the latest findings, trends, and themes, this new edition's reader-friendly presentation teaches you the concepts, methods, and research that will sharpen your sociological imagination and help you view the world from a different perspective. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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I love this book so much I'm going to be purchasing it to read outside of class. I recommend adults to read it even if you are not in college. It's written so wonderfully I may consider a career in sociology...

I needed the book for my Sociology 200 class. The book arrived within two days and is in great condition. My only complaint is with the book itself. The chapters are overly long and at times it seems repetitive. I dislike that the textbook has sources cited throughout. I don't understand why this was needed as it is used as a teaching tool.

Love the kindle version of this book. Easily find items you need for flashcards or excerpts to go over/ask questions about in class. The highlight and note functionality is amazing, versatile, and easy to use. I loved that the notes and other customizations I made to the book to help me study transferred perfectly from my Android tablet, to my iPhone, and to my Windows 8.1 PC. It made studying and keeping up with my work super easy no matter where I was.

The condition of the book was okay. There was some highlighting done inside the book and I believe there's a page of two that's missing. I was still able to use the book throughout the semester for my class so it's all good! Thank you!

The book that I have rented Sociology: The Essentials, 8th Edition was difficult to use because the book had water damage and some of the pages are stuck together. So I ended up going to the copy center and printing all chapters from online. I can't give a review on the book because I wasn't able to use it.

This seller claimed that this book was brand new, yet when I received it, the cover in the front and back was covered up with a few strips of black duck tape. Underneath the duck tape it said "instructor's edition" and said that this book could not be sold, licensed, auctioned, or given away. It also says in big letters "NOT FOR SALE." Because of this, it is illegal for me to sell back and receive any money back for this book that I only needed for one semester in college. She charged me 123 dollars for this book and now I cannot sell it back! This frustrated me very much and I do not recommend this seller! Also, some of the duck tape on the back cover partially ripped the cover and now I cannot even sell it at a good value.

it came on time and looks brand new even though it is used. was surprised at the quality of the book. came in two days!

So far I read the first 14 chapters of this book for an online sociology course (via MindTap) and I find

that the book is simple and easy to understand. If you're looking for a book to understand basic sociology, this is sufficient--especially for middle/high school students. The book literally does the thinking for you. If you don't like to think for yourself and just want to memorize facts to pass the class, go for it. For me, I think this book is simplistic & biased in many parts, They're subtle, but if you read between the lines, you'll notice them. If my professor is requiring me to read every page of this book, it would be nice if she selects a more worthy-read instead of something written for high school kids.

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