



ADDITIONAL READING AND ACTIVITIES LIST

SOCIAL SCIENCES



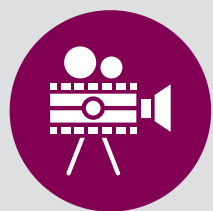
ONCE A SOCIOLOGIST, ALWAYS A SOCIOLOGIST!



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- www.anchor.fm/digital-sociology-podcast
- www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/topics/Sociology_of_culture

Recommended Programmes

- Black Mirror
- Dispatches (Channel 4)
- Years and Years (BBC Drama)
- TED Talks on Sociology: www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=sociology
- BBC Panorama

Reading List



Be The Change: A Toolkit for the Activist in You — Gina Martin

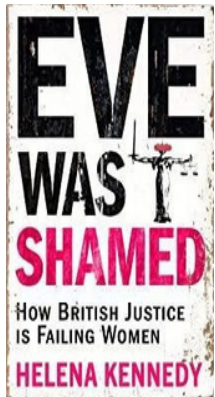
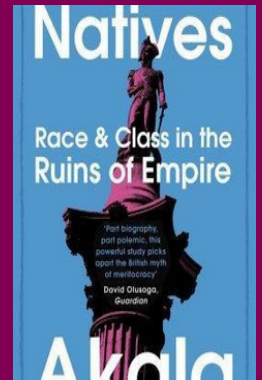
"Without any legal or political experience, I changed the law and made upskirting illegal in eighteen months. But this book is not about changing the law. It's not about me. This is your handbook, your road map and your toolkit for pushing for change at absolutely any level."

This book is an engaging read for our prospective students to gain a true insight into practical feminism and contemporary issues within modern society. It is a fantastic outline of how to develop your inner activist and empower you to make your voice heard.

Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire — Akala

"Covering everything from the politics of representation to the erosion of working class culture, Natives speaks directly to the contemporary discussions of race and class that are at the heart of Britain's racist empire."

This book is an important read for our prospective students to gain a true insight into issues of racism within contemporary society. The book has fantastic links to the papers we cover such as Education and Crime and Deviance. This book also has fantastic cross-over for subjects such as geography, history and religious studies due to discussions of colonialism.



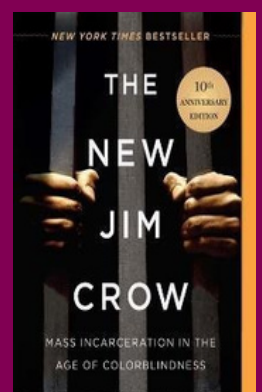
Eve Was Shamed: How British Justice Is Failing Women — Helena Kennedy

"What comes after #MeToo? One of our most eminent lawyers and defenders of human rights answers with this urgent, authoritative and deeply shocking look at British justice."

This book is a fabulous read for our prospective students to gain a true insight into the extent of patriarchal structures in society. It explores the inequalities women face in the criminal justice system, explaining the specific prejudice that women are faced with when it comes to prosecutions, such as the victim's sexual history in rape trials and asking why women in domestic abusive relationships don't "just leave" their partners.

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness — Michelle Alexander

"Jarvious Cotton's great-great-grandfather could not vote as a slave. His great-grandfather was beaten to death by the Ku Klux Klan



Must Watches



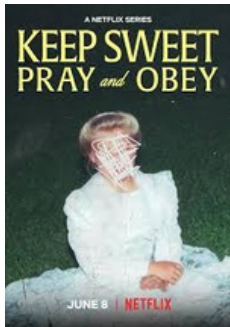
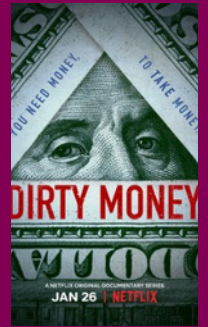
When They See Us (Netflix)

This series is a harrowing watch, depicting the true events surrounding the prosecution and incarceration of five Black and Latino boys who were wrongfully convicted in a rape case.

The series highlights issues of racism within the criminal justice system, as well as questions relating to social class and assumptions about criminality. This is truly a life-changing watch—but make sure you have a Disney film or a comedy lined up afterwards!

Dirty Money (Netflix)

This documentary series tells stories of corporate corruption, securities fraud, and creative accounting. Each episode focuses on a different example of corporate misconduct and includes interviews with key figures involved in the story. It is a fascinating watch with strong links to crime and deviance. If you are feeling particularly sociological, you could research Marxism and apply Marxist theory to the series, considering what Marxists might say about the actions and structures presented.



Keep Sweet: Pray and Obey (Netflix)

This American documentary miniseries explores the polygamous Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS), an offshoot of mainstream Mormonism, and its former leader, Warren Jeffs. The series relates closely to the topic of Beliefs in Society. Within this topic, we examine what constitutes a cult or a sect. Although this group is often described in popular culture as a cult, sociologists would typically classify it as a sect due to its charismatic leadership and distinct beliefs.

Made in Dagenham (Netflix)

This film is a dramatisation of the 1968 Ford sewing machinists' strike, which sought equal pay for women. Based on a true story, it explores the movement that contributed to significant legal reform in the UK.

The strike attracted considerable public attention around the world and challenged traditional assumptions about women's roles in society. This film is particularly relevant to the topic of Families and Households, where we discuss concepts such as gender roles and gender scripts.



Panorama (BBC iPlayer)

Panorama is a long-running investigative documentary programme that examines major national and international issues. Episodes feature expert insights into ongoing investigations and explore topics ranging from sociopolitical affairs to criminal cases in Britain and beyond. Many episodes provide excellent examples of sociological themes, including crime and deviance, social inequality, politics, and media representation.

Activities

Activity 1

Sociology and Music

Sociology is simply the study of society, and the people within it. An easy way to see the impact of sociology in contemporary society is through music. A lot of music has links to social issues such as;

- Feminism/inequality
- Racism
- Class inequality

But music can also be about;

- Encouraging violence
- Encouraging greed with money
- Encourage the exploitation of women.

As sociologists- it is our job to see the world through a sociological mind and always ask WHY?

For this task- find a song that either discusses a social issue, or that encourages violence, greed and inequality. You can do this by simply googling; "Songs that discuss feminism" for instance.

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| Name of Musician | |
| Picture | |
| Song lyrics that can be applied to sociology | |

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| <p>Your opinions, or commentary. Is it relevant to today's world?</p> | |
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Activity 2

Create your own study!

When studying Sociology at Alevel, we look at theoretical explanations for why there has been changes in attitudes in regards to; *same sex relationships, sex before marriage, decline in religion, increase in new age activities, change in expectations in relationships, changes in expectations of division of labour in the household* and many more.

We would love if you were to have a go at conducting your own study.

You could create a questionnaire on [google forms](#) and send it to your friends and family via social media. Or you could pick a topic, and have an informal chat with someone who you are in isolation with about one of those topics.

Questionnaire examples

- Start with asking the age and sex of the individuals filling out your form.
- Question: How far do you agree with the statement; "Sex outside marriage is always acceptable, if 16 or over" Answer: 1- strongly disagree, 2- disagree, 3- neutral, 4- agree, 5 strongly agree
- Question: Are you religious? Answer: Yes, no.
- Question: If you have selected yes, please write which religious faith you belong to. Answer: select short written response.

Interview examples

- When you were growing up, who did the household tasks like cooking and cleaning?
- When you were growing up, who made the important decisions in the family such as big buys, like a house or car?
- Why do you think that people had this attitude?

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| Step 1: | Pick a topic area from the <i>italicised</i> list above. |
| Step 2: | Create your questionnaire, or list of questions for your chat- and pick who you would like to be involved. |
| Step 3: | Complete the review of your study below. |

Review-

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| Participants: (who you researched) How many? How old? | |
| Aim: What was your aim? What were you trying to find out about? | |
| Findings: What did you find out when you did your research? | |
| Analysis: Can you think of an explanations for your findings? E.g an increase of women in work, so men had to do more housework. | |

Activity 3

Sociologist on a page profile!

In sociology we look at the following sociological perspectives;

Postmodernism, Interactionism.

Each of these perspectives have a number of key thinkers;

Marxism, Feminism, Functionalism,

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| Marxism | Karl Marx, Fredrick Engles |
| Feminism | Simone De Beauvoir, Ann Oakly, Fran Ansley |
| Functionalism | Emilie Durkheim, Talcott Parsons |
| Postmodernism | Jean Francis Lyotard, Jean Baudrillard, Zygmunt Bauman |
| Interactionism | Max Weber, Erving Goffman, Howard Becker |

Top Tip: Use the hyperlinks to take you to a webpage with information to help you!

This task can be as creative as you would like it to be- you could hand draw this profile, you could create an Instagram account for this sociologist or you could complete the template below.

Example structure;

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| Name of Sociologist | |
| What perspective do they belong to? (e.g feminism) | |
| Summary of perspective | |

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| Picture | |
| Key Ideas | |
| Articles or books that they have authored | |
| Your opinions do you agree with them? Disagree with them? | |

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| Do you think their ideas are still relevant? | |
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