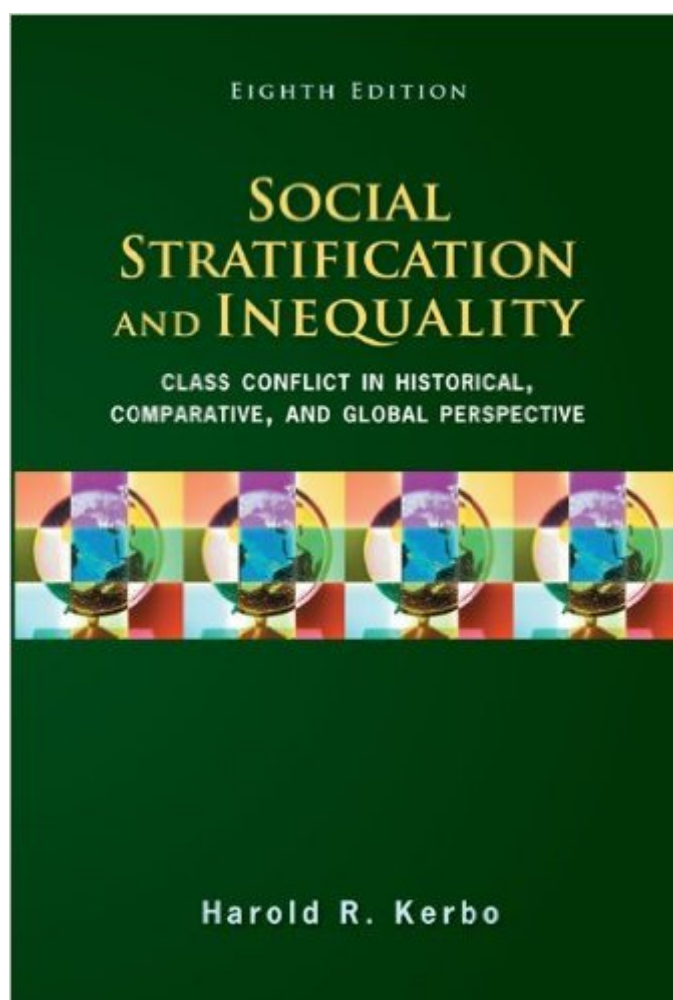


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# Social Stratification And Inequality



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READ THIS BOOK!! You need to truly understand the class system in America and the means used to sustain it. This book is a fantastic survey of the class system in American society. It also includes analyses of world stratification systems and various theories surrounding these systems. Previous reviews of this book have had a narrow focus, rather than making judgement on a wholistic basis. A must-read to be sure!

For all of those people interested in income and wealth inequality, this is a great source for facts and research to back up your arguments. When I visited the Occupy Houston protests a few years ago, for example, I found that this was the type of stuff everyone was talking about, yet few people had actual research to support their arguments. I highly recommend this book. I read it for a graduate-level sociology seminar. It gathers a great deal of important research on the topic of

inequality and presents it in a very well-organized manner.

I had to purchase this book for class and it's become one of my favorite textbooks thus far. Kerbo is clearly biased, however he does present different and conflicting theories, and criticisms of said theories, to every issue explored in the book - and there's a LOT packed in. I think he did a very good job of attempting to tackle so much and focus on areas with the most study done on them. He also makes it clear that more research needs to be done as we are far from finding all the answers. As for readability, there are a few chapters that are extremely dry - lots of numeral figures to illustrate his points. However, the entire book is extremely eye-opening and there are many useful graphs and charts to help present the data.

The look at world history and the ramifications it has on the future or at least the possibility of redundancy is very useful in plotting a course individually and for diffusion among the populace. you get kinda of a feel that the author has been traumatized by what he has seen but yet fades back to reality enough to keep it real as long as you the reader can stay objective. All in all for the objective sociologist a very good and modern perspective.

This book is less condescending toward students than most textbooks. There are no "class exercises" or other padding of the type which serves to inflate the number of pages (and hence the price) of a typical textbook. There is no multimedia crap meant to make life easier for the instructor. This is just a book, nothing else. Like most textbooks, this one gets updated more often than necessary, and the price of the latest edition will be wildly inflated. The smart reader will buy an older edition, the price of which will be quite reasonable.

It was in the suggested alternatives section when I searched for the 8th edition - didn't realize why it was so cheap until it arrived. The one I need is coming and I'm sure this is a great book for the price - too bad I paid double for a similar book (and thanks college and bookmakers for getting all of our money out of us each year!)

I had to read this book for college and like others I did find it difficult to read. The author definitely does not dumb anything down for the readers. I appreciated just about everything that was in this book it opens up an entire understanding of how the United States and corporations run the world. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in the subject.

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