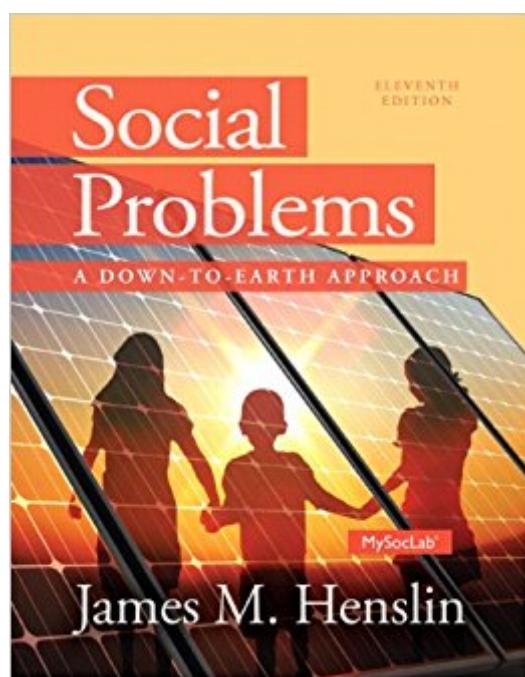


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# Social Problems: A Down To Earth Approach (11th Edition)



## Synopsis

A sociological understanding of social problems. Social Problems: A Down to Earth Approach, 11/e is a theoretically balanced text that provides the latest research and a consistent structure to help students analyze critical social problems facing the United States. The author presents both sides of an argument with a neutral voice and uses a "down-to-earth" writing style. By using this text, not only do students gain a sociological understanding of social problems, but also they are able to explore and evaluate their own opinions about specific social problems. They will gain a greater awareness of the social forces that shape their orientations to social problems and their perspectives on social life. The ideas in this book penetrate students' thinking and help give shape to their views of the world. MySocLab for Social Problems features an engaging student experience including an interactive eText, the New Core Concepts Video Series, the New Social Explorer. Teaching & Learning Experience Personalize Learning MySocLab is an online homework, tutorial, and assessment program. It helps students prepare for class and instructor gauge individual and class performance. Improve Critical Thinking Thinking Critically About the Chapter At the end of each chapter are several questions designed to help students evaluate what they have read. These questions also lend themselves well for stimulating class discussions. Engage Students Opening Vignette Intended to arouse student interest in the social problem and to stimulate the desire to read more, this brief opening story presents essential elements of the social problem. Explore Research Spotlight on Research boxes Major researchers in social problems share an insider's perspective of how they became interested in a social problem and how they did their research. Explore Theory The three basic theories Symbolic interaction theory, functional theory, and conflict theory are introduced early in the text; giving students the opportunity to immediately grasp the differences of these theories. Support Instructors MySocLab, Instructor eText, Instructor Manual, Test Item File, Electronic MyTest Test Bank, PowerPoint Presentation Slides, and Pearson Custom course material are available. Note: MySocLab does not come automatically packaged with this text. To purchase MySocLab, please visit: [www.mysoclab.com](http://www.mysoclab.com) or you can purchase a ValuePack of the text + NEW MySocLab (at no additional cost): ValuePack ISBN-10: 0205965121 / ValuePack ISBN-13: 9780205965120.

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## **Customer Reviews**

James M. Henslin, who was born in Minnesota, graduated from high school and junior college in California and from college in Indiana. Awarded scholarships, he earned his Master's and doctorate degrees in sociology at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. After this, he was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Mental Health, and spent a year studying how people adjust to the suicide of a family member. His primary interests in sociology are the sociology of everyday life, deviance, and international relations. Among his numerous books are Sociology: A-Down-to-Earth Approach (Allyn & Bacon, available in three versions); Social Problems (Allyn & Bacon); and A Down-to-Earth Sociology: Introductory Readings (Free Press). He has also published widely in sociology journals, including Social Problems and American Journal of Sociology. While a graduate student, Jim Henslin taught at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. After completing his doctorate, he joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, where he is Professor Emeritus of Sociology. His two favorite activities are writing and traveling. He especially enjoys visiting and living in other cultures, for this brings him face to face with behaviors and ways of thinking that he cannot take for granted, experiences that "make sociological principles come alive."

Great textbook for teaching Social Problems. Henslin gets to the point from chapter 1 on. There is no delicate way to address some of the social problems in society. However, Henslin brings up each challenge in a way that allows students to view the problem from both sides and then research and

take a stand. I had students participate in debates on many of the social issues used from this text.

This social problems book could use a little bit of a boost in the entertainment department. Social problems was very informative, but I felt like most of the information was continually repeated through out the text. This is a good book for learning about the broader aspect of sociology.

The student college account is amazing exactly two day shipping and renting is easy to return as well . The book is used every page is there but you do have to be prepared to handle the front cover with care . The problems spoken in this book really makes you think different on life and how truly one another feel .

Good textbook. Two of my kids are using this book for their college Soc course and are enjoying the interesting material and presentation.

I bought this for a sociology class and I have to say, it's amazing! It doesn't have a lot of filler and it always finds a way to keep you reading. Well worth the price!

This book has been very informative, and provided me with insights into our world's problems that never would have crossed my mind otherwise.

They all eventually showed up... good book.

Not impressed. The damage to book is extensive and because of the class start date returning the book is not feesable. This is a former rental based on the myriad of stickers one of which is the student rental sticker. For \$106 I expected so much more.

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