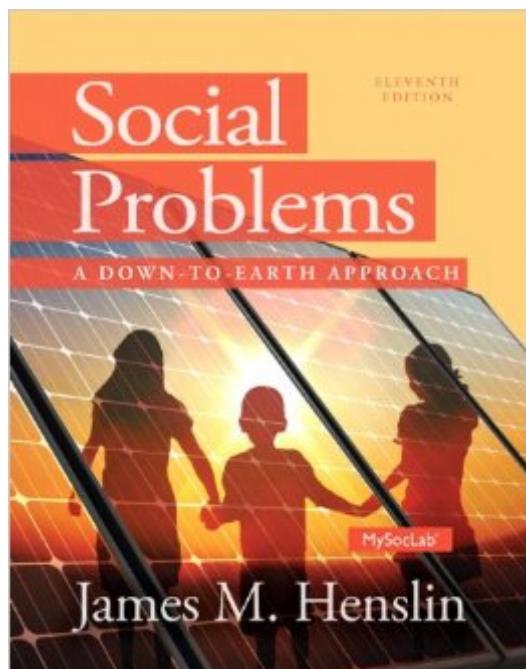


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# **Social Problems: A Down To Earth Approach (11th Edition)**



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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.

I was previously a Sociology major at a very well-respected private school and Social Problems was probably my favorite introductory course there. Since that time, I have taken a different direction in my education (and transferred schools) and have had to re-take a lot of my introductory courses, one of them being Social Problems. I was actually excited that I needed to re-take this course... until I started reading this textbook. I am shocked by the ridiculous biases in this text. Even though the author continually states that as sociologists, we can not make judgments on what is "right" or "wrong" (a statement I agree with), it seems as though he constantly is making those judgments! Although written in a way that is easy to understand, the reader is more often than not, easily understanding the author's point of view on a given topic. Reading this text, I feel like the "guts" of each issue are missing. Even though the author seems to try to represent multiple sides of an issue, it is SO easy to see where the author stands on each topic. There are things included in the text that do not need to be there and yet so much is lacking in actual substance. Furthermore, this text does not serve well for an introductory course on sociology as Social Problems typically is. There is very little sociological theory, the views of each social problem from different theories is included, but seems like a tiny part of each chapter (like maybe a brief paragraph out of a 40+ page chapter). There is a chapter at the beginning that goes over theory, but then those lessons are not fully incorporated into the rest of the text. In the end, this text may serve as an enjoyable read, but does

not serve as a proper educational tool.

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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.

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 course is worth taking easy description and it's mostly a common sense answer to every day learning. To me, this was an easy course to take I believe you'd have no trouble skimming through this in no time. I rented this book from another site for 28.00 ,but it's also a decent price here too.

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

I am a fan of Henslin's books, but this is not his best I have read. That said, it is still a good text book and I do like the strategies he uses to explain somewhat complicated sociological methods and theories. Overall a decent text.

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