

Social Problems and the Quality of Life, 14e

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Robert and Jeanette Lauer's *Social Problems and the Quality of Life, 14e* delves into some of the most critical social issues of our time and how they impact quality of life, providing a firm foundation in how to identify a social problem and the sociological theories and methods for understanding these key concerns. Exploring deviant behavior, social inequality, problems with social institutions, and social problems on a global level, this book is a comprehensive guide to critically analyzing current issues that the nation, and the world, face today.

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Overall Changes of New Discussions Covering:

- The Social Progress Index used to quantify and categorize quality of life in the world's nations
- E-cigarettes
- Prescription drug abuse
- Bullying and cyberbullying
- "Near poverty"
- The emergence of the Tea Party
- The role of social media and the Internet in political campaigns
- Lack of safety and increased victimization in schools
- The state of the American educational system and how America ranks among nations in terms of educating students
- The Zika virus
- Affordable Care Act
- Controversial methods of waging war, such as use of drones and torture
- Fracking

- The Flint, Michigan drinking water crisis

Updated and Expanded Discussions On:

- The effects of alcohol abuse for both adults and underage drinkers
- Prostitution over the Internet
- Pornography
- The LGBT community and issues they face
- Attitudes and policies towards immigration
- Minorities in the media
- Minimum wage
- Union membership
- Inequalities in the school systems
- How war affects civilians
- The health effects of air pollution
- The cost of health problems and healthcare
- War and terrorism

Recent Data On:

- The use of selected drugs by age group
- Reporting victimizations to the police
- Crime and crime rates
- Victimization rates on personal and household crime
- The effects of sexual abuse
- Unemployment rates by sex
- Employed persons by sex and selected occupation
- Median income by sex and race
- U.S. population by race and Hispanic origin
- Unemployment rates by race
- Employed persons by race and occupation
- Household income by race
- Median household income by race
- Public confidence levels in selected institutions
- Participation in presidential elections
- The number of government employees
- The cost of Congressional campaigns
- The number and type of political action committees
- The distribution of occupations
- Membership in labor unions
- The educational attainment of adults
- The years of school completed by sex, age, and race
- Enrollment in community colleges
- Educational attainment by country
- Median income by educational attainment
- The composition of American households
- The living arrangements of children by race/ethnicity
- The proportion of children living with both parents, by income
- Leading causes of death by race/ethnicity
- War casualties of American military personnel
- Expectation of life at birth

- Military budgets by country
- Energy production and consumption
- Municipal solid waste generation and recovery

New Statistics Covering:

- Patterns of alcohol use and binge drinking
- The distribution of crime
- Drug abuse patterns
- The Proportion in poverty for various groups
- Division of household labor for men and women

Revised Global Comparison Boxes On:

- Recent data on Gross National Income Per Capita for selected countries.
- Recent unemployment rates by country
- Educational attainment by country
- Militarism around the world, with updated Table 14.2 showing U.S. military sales deliveries to other countries
- The energy consumption of selected nations with updated Table 15.2

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