

*****WORKING DRAFT*****

Social Stratification Reading List

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Note to students: This is a suggested reading list, surely too large and inclusive for all, but meant to provide a strong foundation from which to choose. A good reader, if you want general graduate-level overviews of the sociological study of stratification, good places to look are David Grusky's edited volume: *Social Stratification – Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective* (Boulder, CO: Westview) and Annette Lareau and Dalton Conley, eds., *Social Class: How Does It Work?* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation.Class).

Theories of Class and Stratification

Marx, Karl. "Manifesto of the Communist Party" in *The Marx-Engels Reader*. 28 pages

Marx, Karl. 1847. *The Poverty of Philosophy* (selections)

Marx, Karl. *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte*. (selections)

Burawoy, Michael. 1979. *Manufacturing Consent: Changes in the Labor Process Under Monopoly Capitalism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 286 pages

Wright, Erik Olin. 1985. *Classes*. Verso. 360 pages

_____. 1996. *Class Counts*

Wallerstein, Immanuel. *Class Conflict in the Capitalist World Economy*

Weber, Max. 1946 *Max Weber :Essays in Sociology*, edited and translated by H.H. Gerth and C. Wright Mills. 1946. New York: Oxford University Press. (Chapters 6 and 7)

_____. *Economy and Society*, esp. sections on social closure.

Lenski, Gerhard. "New Light on Old Issues: The Relevance of 'Really Existing Socialist Societies' for Stratification Theory" in *Social Stratification*, 2nd Edition, edited by David B. Grusky, pp 77-83. 2001

Becker, Gary S. 1993. *Human Capital: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis, with Special Reference to Education* (Third Edition). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Davis, Kingsley and Moore, Wilbert E. 1945. "Some Principles of Stratification" in *American Sociological Review* 10:242-49. 8 pages

Tumin, Melvin M. 1953. "Some Principles of Stratification: A Critical Analysis" in *American Sociological Review* 18, pp.387-394 8 pages

Frank Parkin, *Marxism and Class Theory: A Bourgeois Critique*

Lareau and Conley, eds., *Social Class* (reader, RSF)

Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1979. *The Capitalist World Economy*. Cambridge.

Occupational Prestige and Measures of SES

Blau, Peter and Otis Dudley Duncan. 1967. *The American Occupational Structure*. Free Press. 544 pages

Goldthorpe, John H. and Keith Hope. 1972. "Occupational Grading and Occupational Prestige" in *The Analysis of Social Mobility: Methods and Approaches*. Edited by Keith Hope. Oxford University Press.

Featherman, David and Robert Hauser. 1976. "Prestige or Socioeconomic Scales in the Study of Occupational Attainment?" in *Sociological Methods and Research* 4. Sage Publications.

Hauser, Robert and John Robert Warren. *Socioeconomic Indexes for Occupations: A Review, Update and Critique*

Status Attainment and Social Mobility

McLeod, Jay. 1995. *Ain't No Makin' It: Aspirations and Attainment in a Low Income Neighborhood*. Westview Press. (2nd Edition). There may be a third edition too. This work is perhaps most important for its theoretical introduction etc.

Bowles, S. and Gintis, H. 2002. "The inheritance of inequality." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 16:3-30.

Erikson, R. and Goldthorpe J.H. 2002. "Intergenerational inequality: A sociological perspective." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 16:31-44.

Granovetter, Mark (2005). "The Impact of Social Structure on Economic Outcomes." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 19:33-50

Warren, John Robert and Robert M. Hauser. 1997. "Social stratification across three generations." *American Sociological Review* 62:561-72.

Sewell, William H., Archibald O. Haller, and Alejandro Portes. 1969. "The Educational and Early Occupational Attainment Process." *American Sociological Review* 34:82-92.

Herrnstein, Richard J. and Charles Murray. 1996. *The Bell Curve: Intelligence and Class Structure in American Life*

Fischer, Claude S. et al. (1996). *Inequality by Design: Cracking the Bell Curve Myth*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Ruling Class/Elites/Upper Class

Mills, C. Wright. 1952. *The Power Elite*. Oxford University Press. 381 pages

Domhoff, G. William. 1983. *Who Rules America Now*. Simon & Schuster. 230 pages

Fred Block, *Revising State Theory* (stresses role of state managers as a part of class domination)

Class Boundaries and the Middle Class

Mills, *White Collar*

Poulantzas, *Classes in Contemporary Capitalism* (chapters on the new petty bourgeoisie)

Wright, Eric Olin. 1980. "Varieties of Marxist Conceptions of Class Structure" pp. 94-97 in *Social Stratification*, Ed. D. Grusky. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Wright, Eric Olin. 1984. "A General Framework for the Analysis of Class Structure" pp. 98-109 in *Social Stratification*, Ed. D. Grusky. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

Wright, Erik Olin. 1997. *Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Manza Jeff and Clem Brooks, 1999. *Social Cleavages and Political Change: Voter Alignments and U.S. Party Coalitions*. New York: Oxford University Press.

The Salience and Reproduction of Class Relations

Bowles, Samuel and Herbert Gintis. 2002. "Schooling in Capitalist America Revisited," *Sociology of Education*. 75(1):1-18.

-----, 1976. *Schooling in Capitalist America*. London: Basic Books.

Bourdieu, Pierre. 1977. "Cultural Reproduction and Social Reproduction." Pp 487-511 in Power and Ideology in Education, edited by J. Karabel and A.H. Halsey. New York: Oxford University Press.

Lareau, Annette. 2003. Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race and Family Life. Berkeley: University of California Press. 343 pages

Kingston, Paul. 2001. The Classless Society. Stanford.

Willis, Paul. 1977. Learning to Labour. NY: Columbia University Press.

Hout, Michael. 2008. "How Class Works: Objective and Subjective Aspects of Class Since the 1970s" in Social Class: How does it work?, pp. 25-64. Eds. Lareau A. and Conley, D. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Hout, Michael, Clem Brooks, and Jeff Manza. 1993. "The Persistence of Classes in Post-Industrial Societies." International Sociology 8:259-277.

Poverty and the Underclass

Massey, Douglas D. and Nancy A. Denton. 1993. American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. 304 pages

Wilson, William Julius. 1987. The Truly Disadvantaged: The Inner City, the Underclass, and Urban Poverty. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 261 pages

Wilson, ed. The Urban Underclass

Eli Anderson, Code of the Street

Note that there is critical literature on this concept of the underclass. Good to approach the concept critically. See 2002 exchange in AJS betw Wacquant and co.

Race/Ethnicity

Wilson, William Julius. The Declining Significance of Race: Blacks and Changing American Institutions

Wilson, William Julius. 1996. When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor. New York: Vintage. 352 pages

Schuman, Steeh, Bobo, and Krysan. Racial Attitudes in America.

- Bonacich, Edna. 1972. "A Theory of Ethnic Antagonism: The Split Labor Market" *American Sociological Review*. 37: 547-59. 13 pages
- David Roediger, *The Wages of Whiteness*.
- Noel Ignatieff, *How the Irish Became White*.
- Feagin, Joe R. 1991. "The Continuing Significance of Race: Antiblack Discrimination in Public Places" in *American Sociological Review* vol. 56, no. 1: 101-16. 16 pages
- Neckerman, Kathryn M. and Joleen Kirschenman. 1991. "Hiring Strategies, Racial Bias, and Inner-City Workers" in *Social Problems* Vol. 38, No. 4: 433-47. 15 pages
- Pager, Devah and Lincoln Quillian. 2005. "Walking the Talk? What Employers Say versus What They Do" in *American Sociological Review*. Vol. 70, no 3, pp 355-380. 26 pages
- Quadagno, Jill. 1996. *The Color of Welfare: How Racism Undermined the War on Poverty*. Oxford University Press. 272 pages
- Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo. 2006. *Racism without Racists – Color-Blind Racism and the Persistence of Racial Inequality in the United States* (Second Edition). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Conley, Dalton. 1999. *Being Black, Living in the Red – Race, Wealth, and Social Policy in America*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Pattillo-McCoy, Mary. 1999. *Black Picket Fences – Privilege and Peril Among the Black Middle Class*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Omi, Michael & Howard Winant. 1994. *Racial Formation in the United States – From the 1960s to the 1990s*. London: Routledge.
- Steinberg, Stephen. 1981. *The Ethnic Myth – Race, Ethnicity, and Class in America*. Boston: Beacon.
- Waters, Mary. 1990. *Ethnic Options – Choosing Identities in America*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- Yancey, George. 2003. *Who is White? Latinos, Asians, and the New Black/Non-Black Divide*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

Intersectionality

Collins, Patricia Hill. 2000. *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment*. New York: Routledge. 357 pages

Leslie McCall, 2005. "The Complexity of Intersectionality." *Signs* 30 (3): 1771-1800.

Julie Bettie, 2005. *Women without Class*. Berkeley: California.

Crenshaw, Kimberle. "Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Ant-discrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory, and Anti-Racist Politics." *University of Chicago Legal Forum* 1989:139-67.

_____. 1991. "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color." *Stanford Law Review* 43, 6: 1241-79.

Labor Markets and Economic Inequality

Piore, M. and C. Sabel, 1984. *The Second Industrial Divide*. NY: Basic.

Ben Harrison, 1994. *Lean and Mean*. NY: Basic.

Harrison, Bennett and Barry Bluestone. 1988. *The Great U-Turn: Corporate Restructuring and the Polarizing of America*. Basic Books. 272 pages

Block, Fred. 1990. *Postindustrial Possibilities*. Berkeley: UC Press.

Kalleberg, Arne and Aage B. Sørensen. 1979. "The sociology of labor markets." *Annual Review of Sociology* 5:351-79.

Kalleberg, Arne. 2009. "Precarious Work, Insecure Workers: Employment Relations in Transition." *American Sociological Review*, Vol. 74, No. 1, 1-22.

Osterman, Paul, Thomas Kochan, Richard Locke and Michael Piore. 2002. *Working in America: A Blueprint for the New Labor Market*. MIT Press 239 pages

Wolff, Edward N. 1995. *Top Heavy: The Increasing Inequality of Wealth in America and What Can Be Done About It*. The New Press. 88 pages

Oliver, Melvin L. and Thomas Shapiro. 1995. *Black Wealth / White Wealth: A New Perspective on Racial Identity*. New York: Routledge. 360 pages

Levy, Frank. 1999. *The New Dollars and Dreams: American Incomes and Economic Change*. Russell Sage Foundation Publications. 248 pages

Ryscavage, Paul. 2000. *Income Inequality in America*. M.E. Sharpe. 229 pages

Class, Culture, and Consciousness

Bourdieu, P. 1984. *Distinction*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

_____. 1986. "The Forms of Capital." Pp. 241–258 in J.G. Richardson, *Handbook for Theory and Research for the Sociology of Education*. NY: Greenwood.

Lamont, Michele. 1992. *Money, Morals, and Manners: The Culture of the French and the American Upper-Middle Class*. University of Chicago Press.

Jackman, Mary R. and Robert W. Jackman. 1983. *Class Awareness in the United States*. Berkeley: U of Calif. Press.

Vanneman, Reeve and Lynne Weber Cannon. 1987. *The American Perception of Class*. Temple Univ. Press.

Kluegel, James and Eliot Smith. 1986. *Beliefs about Inequality: Americans' Views of What is and What Ought to Be*. NY: Aldine de Gruyter.

Kluegel and Smith. 1981. "Beliefs about Stratification." *Annual Review of Sociology*.

Feagin, Joe. 1975. *Subordinating the Poor – Welfare and American Beliefs*: Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Sigelman and Welch. *Black Americans' Views of Racial Inequality*.