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Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory, *Third Edition* is a text/reader that introduces students to the ideas and writings of key theorists from sociology's 19th century founders through the present. Authors Scott Appelrouth and Laura Desfor Edles combine original texts, edited for classroom use, with extensive framing discussions that provide crucial biographical, historical, and theoretical context for readings. The book also provides an overarching scaffolding that students can use to examine, compare, and contrast each theorist's major themes and concepts. This unique format, combined with frequent use of photos, tables, and diagrams, makes **Classical and Contemporary Sociological Theory in the Contemporary Era** a lively, engaging, and "student-friendly" introduction to the world of theory.

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Merrel says

Very complete, makes it hard to distinguish relations between subjects and authors, though

Tanya says

For a textbook, I actually think this is a good one. They provide a nice synopsis of the theories and then provide select readings of original works. A great upper level undergraduate text for sociological theory. Though there are some theorists I wish they would have included like DuBois, I do like the selection of theorists they have chosen.

Sofia Pi says

recommended for anyone who wants to get a start in sociology. it helped me a lot during my master as a social theory course was compulsory and i didn't have a background in sociological theory.

Eric P says

Definitely one of the better theory textbooks I have had to read. I wasn't super impressed with some of the original scriptures. However, the introduction pieces from Appelrouth and Edles were well done. It was very clear and used great examples to which most readers should understand the main themes and ideas the original texts presents.

Megan Anderson says

One of my favorite textbooks from college. Don't judge.

Reading two chapters out of a textbook might not sound all that impressive, but those two chapters were 84 pages. Teeny tiny font, multiple column textbook pages. I was really busy during the semester I took Sociological Theory in college, so I got to read the assigned pages in this book but precious little else. Most people forget or sell back their textbooks as soon as a class is over, but I'm going to get my several hundred dollars worth, thank you very much.

I started again on this one because

a) Sociological Theory takes up about 1/4 of the Masters program I'm considering and I feel that reading this will help me reach a decision.

b) This textbook has tons of awesome primary sources at the end of each chapter. Essays that I would buy and read anyway.

c) I miss school and reading is my favorite part of school anyway. Unless I decide I'm going to use said Master's degree, I can learn everything on my own for free.

Chapter 1 was the introduction chapter, which made me feel as if I'd learned almost nothing in school, and Chapter 2 focused on Karl Marx, one of the two most important figures in Classic Sociology. Reading about Marx was a breeze, but reading original Marx (10 essays and excerpts) when your brain is mostly taken up with keeping Etsy orders straight and talking to children all day is a giant feat. I read those in the few solitary moments this month when my brain was fully functioning. Yay for brain push ups.

Katherine says

Fundamental. I re-read certain passages from time to time.

Michelle says

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH Theory

Danja says

This is a really great textbook and the selections are a good overview of theory. I have a copy printed in 2008 but it looks like this edition. Other than leaving out some contemporary theorists, I thought it was great. For example, I'd have liked to see C. Wright Mills. He is mentioned a few times and it even notes that some considered him "the greatest sociologist the United States has ever produced", but no excerpts from his texts are there! What's up with that?

Amanda says

I really enjoyed this text. The summaries coupled with some of the original sociological texts provided a helpful format for gaining a better grasp on the subject matter. While some students find this text too grueling, I would highly recommend it.
