

# Sociology Connection with Romana Pires


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**☰ SOC 110: Medical Issues**

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Sociologists study contemporary social issues and social problems related to health care. We will examine various current issues using the three sociological perspectives of functionalism, conflict and symbolic interaction. [Click here](#) if you need to refresh your understanding of the three sociological perspectives.

#### 1. Health Care Legislation: Pro and Con Arguments

Educate yourself about the new health care law and the opposing sides that support and oppose the legislation.

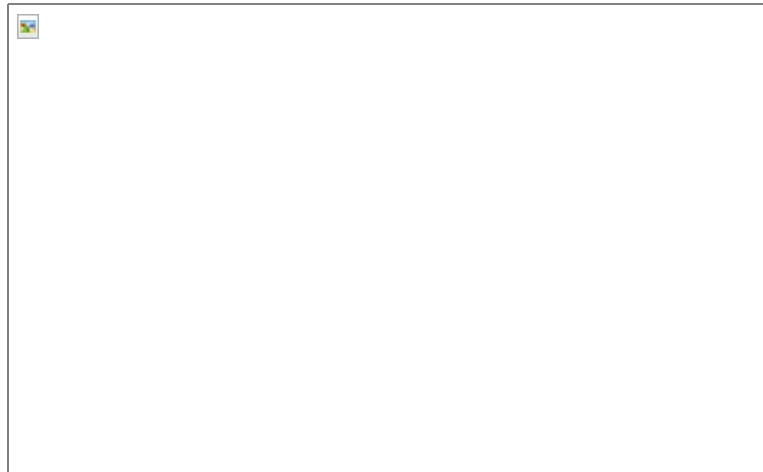
<http://healthcarereform.procon.org/>

#### 2. Obesity Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/data/trends.html>

Click on above link and then scroll down the website to examine data and statistics on obesity in the U.S.

#### 3. Obesity in the United States



#### 4. Obesity, Fast Food and Social Class

[http://www.publichealthadvocacy.org/PDFs/RFEI%20Policy%20Brief\\_finalweb.pdf](http://www.publichealthadvocacy.org/PDFs/RFEI%20Policy%20Brief_finalweb.pdf)

#### 5. Minority Health Statistics

<http://www.cdc.gov/omhd/AMH/AMH.htm>

#### 6. Health Disparities

<http://www.healthreform.gov/reports/healthdisparities/>

#### 7. Improving Minority Health Outcomes

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8. The Social Construction of Mental Illness



9. Mental Health Statistics and Information – National Institute of Health

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/the-numbers-count-mental-disorders-in-america/index.shtml>

10. World Health Organization

<http://www.who.int/en/>

11. AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa – “The Cost of Inaction”



12. The Sociology of Death

<http://library.thinkquest.org/C0122781/sociology/index.htm>

13. Optional Website: How Stressed Are You?

[http://www.mhhe.com/socscience/hhp/hahn7e\\_labs/hahn7e\\_ch03a.htm](http://www.mhhe.com/socscience/hhp/hahn7e_labs/hahn7e_ch03a.htm)

14. Optional Video: Sick Around America – Examination of our medical system.

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1099857730/>

15. Optional Video: Sick in America (the rest of the segments are on the right hand side of YouTube)



16. Optional Video: Sick Around the World

Examination of medical systems in other countries.

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1050712790/>

17. Optional Video: The Medicated Child

Children and medication as a social problem.

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1316921025/>

18. Optional Video: The Released

"What happens to the mentally ill when they leave prison and return to our communities?"

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1114528522/>

19. Optional Video: The Undertaking

"The Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, a family who care for the dead – and the living."

<http://video.pbs.org/video/1082075672/>

20. Optional Video: The Vaccine War

Parental rights regarding the vaccination of their children.

[http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/vaccines/view/?utm\\_campaign=viewpage&utm\\_medium=grid&utm\\_source=grid](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/vaccines/view/?utm_campaign=viewpage&utm_medium=grid&utm_source=grid)

21. Optional Video: The Suicide Tourist

Medically assisted suicide.

[http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/suicidetourist/view/?utm\\_campaign=viewpage&utm\\_medium=grid&utm\\_source=grid](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/suicidetourist/view/?utm_campaign=viewpage&utm_medium=grid&utm_source=grid)

22. Optional Video: The Age of AIDS

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23. Optional Video: The Alternative Fix

Alternative medicine.

[http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/altmed/?utm\\_campaign=viewpage&utm\\_medium=grid&utm\\_source=grid](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/altmed/?utm_campaign=viewpage&utm_medium=grid&utm_source=grid)

These websites and videos should have given you a general overview of some of the contemporary issues related to health care. Feel free to leave a comment below for your colleagues. These comments are NOT part of our Bb discussions – just a place for you to leave a quick comment if you would like to share with your colleagues.

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