Social Issues

**Definition:** “The definition of a social problem, also called a social issue, is an undesirable condition that people believe should be corrected” ([http://www.yourdictionary.com/social-problem](http://www.yourdictionary.com/social-problem)).

Below is a non-exhaustive list of social issues, adapted from [http://lib.guides.umd.edu/c.php?g=326995&p=2194601](http://lib.guides.umd.edu/c.php?g=326995&p=2194601)

- Abortion
- Affirmative Action
- African American/Black Rights
- Ageism / Age Discrimination
- Airport Screening Procedures
- Alcoholism
- Animal Rights
- Anorexia Nervosa
- Asian American Rights
- Binge Drinking
- Birth Control
- Bulimia Nervosa
- Bullying
- Campus Crime
- Capital Punishment / Death Penalty
- Chemical Weapons
- Child Abuse
- Child Labor
- Classism
- Climate Change
- Cloning
- Colorism
- Cloud Hacking/Computer Hacking
- Corporal Punishment
- Corporate Downsizing
- Cyber Bullying
- Disaster Relief
- Disability Rights
- Disease
- Domestic Violence
- Dream Act
- Drinking and Driving
• Drug Abuse / Drug Addiction
• Eating Disorders
• Education
• Embryonic Stem Cell Research
• Environmental Pollution
• Environmental Racism
• Equal Pay
• Euthanasia / Mercy Killing / Assisted Suicide
• Excessive Force By Law Enforcement
• Felony Disenfranchisement
• Food Deserts
• Food Insecurity
• Gang Violence
• Gender Identity
• Genetic Engineering
• Genetically Modified Food
• Gentrification
• Gun Control
• Gun Rights
• Hate Crimes
• Hazing
• Health Care Disparities
• Health Care Reform
• HIV / AIDS
• Home Foreclosures
• Homelessness
• Honor Killings
• Human Rights
• Human Trafficking
• Hunger
• Identify Theft
• Immigration
• Indigenous Rights/Native American Rights
• Latino/a/x Rights
• LGBTQ Rights (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer)
• Legalization of Marijuana
• Legalization of Sex Work/Prostitution
• Islamophobia/ Anti-Muslim Discrimination
• Mass Murder
• Mental Illness/Mental Health
• Meth Labs (Methamphetamine Laboratories)
- Militarization of Police
- Minimum Wage
- Obesity
- Organ and Body Donation
- Outsourcing Jobs
- Prison System/ Criminal Justice
- Police Brutality
- Police Militarization
- Pornography
- Poverty
- Prayer in Schools
- Racial Disparities in Health Care
- Racial Disparities in Sentencing
- Racial Profiling
- Racism
- Right to Work
- Religion
- Same-Sex Marriage
- Sex Worker’s Rights
- Sexism
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Harassment
- Shopping While Black
- Single Parenting
- Sleeper Cells
- Smoking / Tobacco Use
- Social Networking and Privacy
- Spousal Abuse
- Stand Your Ground Laws
- Steroid Use in Sports
- Stereotyping
- Suicide Sweat Shops
- Teen Pregnancy
- Terrorism
- Texting While Driving
- Transgender Rights
- Unemployment
- Union Busting
- Violence in Schools
- Voting Rights
- Youth/Children