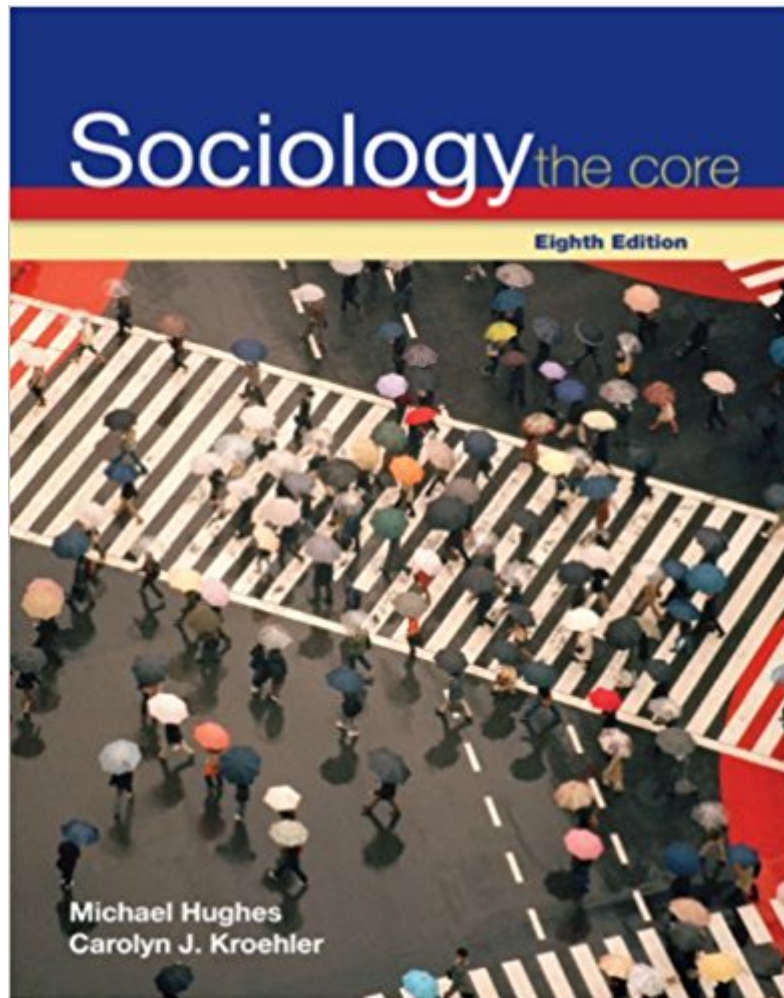




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# Sociology: The Core



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Here is what I mainly got in this course. Take an overpriced college book, take a brief synopsis of a past history (not knowing the whole story), say that your book is about race and ethnic groups and then do not talk about one race "Whites" while only mentioning "Whites" as the ones who did all this harm to other ethnic groups. I'm not saying bad things did not happen, bad things are happening all the time.. but this book and Sociology in a whole is a hoax. Yet, enjoy the brainwashing so we can get that DEGREE. I am moving on to a trade, or skill.

Better than expected-great buy

This book covers the fundamentals and outlines them at the end of each chapter and has sections that ask questions and makes the reader think. It isn't all boring text either, there are a decent amount of pictures and graphs, some used quite effectively to demonstrate a point. Overall I felt it was non-bias and covered all sides of the topics and explored them in non-conventional ways. As an engineering student I surprised myself and really enjoyed this book.

Textbook was everything I needed and more, it had a ton of interesting little stories throughout to keep your interest and was not too confusing like most social science books tend to do to you.

The book is relevant to the course. The only problem the text is long winded and ambiguous.the answers to the questions are Hard To find

nice.

Excellent

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