Appendix E

Annotated List of Websites

This list provides websites with useful information and exercises on research topics covered in *Understanding the Social World*. Are you looking for additional depth on a research topic? Then try these websites.

Science, Society, and Social Research
- Ethics and Philosophies for Social Research
  - Research Ethics
  - Philosophies of Research
- The Process and Problems of Social Research
  - Theories for Research
  - Guidelines for Citing and Searching Sources
- Literature Online
- Professional Organizations
- Subject Directories
- Conceptualization and Measurement
- Sampling
- Causation and Experimental Design
- Survey Research
- Qualitative Methods
- Evaluation Research
- Historical and Comparative Research
- Qualitative Data Analysis
- Content Analysis
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Reporting Research

Subject Information
- Criminology/Criminal Justice
- Demographics
- Health, Homelessness, and Substance Abuse
- Politics, Comparative and Historical

Science, Society, and Social Research

http://www.worldinternetproject.net/#news
Summary of findings from UCLA World Internet Project.

http://www.pewinternet.org
The Pew Internet Project site. Detailed results and project description.

Ethics and Philosophies of Social Research

Research Ethics
- http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/
- http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/archive/irb/irb_guidebook.htm
  Guidebook to Human Subject Protections for Institutional Review Boards.
- http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/humansubjects/commonrule/
- http://www.qualitative-research.net/fqs/fqs-e/debate-3-e.htm
  Ongoing debate on ethics in different applications of qualitative research at Qualitative Social Research Forum.
- http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/obas/
  The National Academy of Science report "On Being a Scientist: Responsible Conduct in Research." Discusses ethical issues in scientific research.
- http://privacyruleandresearch.nih.gov/
  Details HIPAA privacy rules in regard to researchers.
  Links to sites with case studies involving ethical dilemmas in social science.
Philosophies of Research

PowerPoint presentation from Louisiana State University that does a nice job outlining the differences between positivism and interpretivism.

http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/gpi/dicts.htm
Guide to philosophical sources on the Internet.

http://ejmas.com/jalt/jaltart_Giles1_1200.htm
An entertaining and informative essay on positivism, interpretivism, and hermeneutics.

The Process and Problems of Social Research

Theories for Research

http://www.trinity.edu/~mkearl/index.html
A Sociological Tour Through Cyberspace. Trinity University site with links to many resources, including government statistics, data sources, and theory groups.

http://www.historyplace.com/speeches/previous.htm
Links to text of famous speeches.

http://www.eserver.org/
Diverse resources on a range of topics spanning art, communication theory, sociology, and literary criticism.

http://carbon.ucdenver.edu/~mryder/itc_data/postmodern.html
Information on contemporary social theorists and philosophers, mostly those with a "postmodern" slant.

http://www.sociologyprofessor.com
Summaries of social theories and background information about many contemporary and classical social theorists.

Guidelines for Citing and Searching Sources

http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/
Dartmouth Institute for Writing and Rhetoric. A compendium of information on how to cite sources from a variety of media, with examples.


http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webeval.html
Evaluating Web Sites: Criteria and Tools. Developed by the Olin Kroch Uris Libraries at Cornell University. Guidelines for evaluating websites and links to many sites with more detailed information.

https://infopleople.org/content/best-search-tools-chart
Comprehensive annotated list of Internet search tools.

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/
A guide to proper citation of different types of online sources, with examples conforming to MLA style, APA style, Chicago style, and more.

http://www.searchenginewatch.com
Search Engine Watch. A helpful site to visit to learn about search engines.

http://www.commoncraft.com/video/web-search-strategies
Web Search Strategies. Short video and other resources on how to effectively search the web for information.

Literature Online

http://annualreviews.org/journal/soc
Annual Review of Sociology online. Abstracts from volumes can be searched by subject or by keywords. Offers downloads of complete text of articles for a fee.

http://www.sociology.org
Electronic Journal of Sociology. Full text of articles published only online.

http://www.socresonline.org.uk/
Sociological Research Online. Full text articles published only online.

http://www.sociosite.net/
SocioSite. Social science information system based at the University of Amsterdam. Offers links and access to a vast number of helpful sites on the Internet related to sociology. Can be used as a reference source for sociology on the web.

http://www.nytimes.com
The New York Times web edition. Regular news stories and other regular newspaper sections. Some pictures and audio files. Also, special news sections for web users; online forums, allowing you to read comments on an issue and to send a comment yourself; and search options.

http://thesocietypages.org/sociologylens/
Associated with Sociology Compass, hosts daily posts that refer readers to scholarly text through a more informal blog-post.

Professional Organizations

http://www.americancomm.org/
American Communication Association, with overview of activities and links to other sites about communication and social science research methods.

http://www.asanet.org

http://www.essnet.org/
Eastern Sociological Society, with useful links, job opportunities.

http://www.sociolog.com
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http://www.socresonline.org.uk/
Sociological Research Online. Full text articles published only online.

http://www.sociology.org
Electronic Journal of Sociology. Full text of articles published only online.

http://www.sociosite.net/
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http://www.nasw.org
National Association of Social Workers. Contains a wealth of information for social work practitioners and students.

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http://www.socresonline.org.uk/
Sociological Research Online. Full text articles published only online.

http://www.sociology.org
Electronic Journal of Sociology. Full text of articles published only online.

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Subject Directories

http://etc.usf.edu/ss/index.htm
Links to social science resources from Educational Technology Clearinghouse.

http://library.ucr.edu/view/informine
INFOMINE (Scholarly Internet Resource Collections). This is one example of a site that scholars can use to link to other sites containing a wide range of scholarly materials.

http://www.loc.gov/rr/
Library of Congress site with resources for researchers.

http://www.socioweb.com/~markbl/socioweb/
The SocioWeb. Listing of various resources for sociologists.

http://viib.org
The WWW Virtual Library. The original Internet subject guide that covers many disciplines including the social sciences.

http://www.lib.org/wgss/wgsslinks/index.html
WSSLINKS (Women's Studies Section Links). A subject guide compiled by the Women's Studies Section Collection Development Committee of the American Association of College and Research Libraries.

https://www.socialpsychology.org/methods.htm#methodology
Extensive list of links for methodological issues and needs related to social psychology.

http://yahoo.com
Yahoo! A large and comprehensive Internet subject directory.

http://www.sociosite.net/topics/websoc.php
Large collection of articles on the web, as well as annotated list of research centers and web history highlights.

http://www.cehd.umn.edu/fsos/projects/adapt/resources.asp

Conceptualization and Measurement

http://surveyenet.ac.uk/sqb/
Question Bank, a University of Surrey resource designed for the U.K. social science research community.

http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health
National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. Provides reviews of the most popular measures of substance abuse.

Sampling

http://www.ericae.net/db/edo/ED338699.htm
Discussion of generalizability of research results.

http://www.surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm#terminology
Sample size calculator, using confidence intervals.

http://www.randomnumbgenerator.com/
Generates random numbers.

http://vassarstats.net/dist.html
Generates sampling distribution statistics from population parameters.

Causation and Experimental Design

http://www.randomizer.org
Research Randomizer. A site at which you can explore the process of randomization.

http://www.socialpsychology.org/expts.htm
Online Social Psychology Studies. A site at which you can participate in a social psychology experiment on the web.

http://psych.athabascau.ca/html/Validity/
Good examples of problems with internal invalidity.

Survey Research

http://www.norc.org/GSS+Website/
General Social Survey. Search all years of the GSS for variables of interest. Check wording of questions and response choices, see frequency distributions for variables in different sets of years, obtain lists of GSS publications, and download GSS data sets.

http://sda.berkeley.edu/archive.htm
Offers access to GSS data modules through 2014.

http://www.srl.uiuc.edu/lansro.htm
List of academic and nonprofit survey research organizations, from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

http://www.carnegieendowment.org/about/library/index.cfm?fa=poll
A Carnegie Endowment site with links to many survey research organizations and resources.

http://www.publicagenda.org/
Thoughtful survey-based reports on current issues. Maintained by leading public opinion researchers.

http://www.rti.org/
Research Triangle Institute site with information and resources about different aspects of survey research.

Explanation of rotation survey designs used by census group for small samples.

http://www.indiana.edu/~csr/
Indiana Center for Survey Research. Includes surveys and resources for survey designers.

http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/nfsh/home.htm
Offers lists of survey resources as well as the ability to analyze data sets from this particular survey; registration required.

http://www.nlsinfo.org/
Offers access to data sets from various longitudinal studies. Allows user to manipulate data with “web investigator” tool. Registration required.

http://www.ciser.cornell.edu/info/polls.shtml
Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (CISER), with links to online sources for many public opinion surveys. Site also includes links to social science data sources.

Qualitative Methods

http://www.qualitativeresearch.uga.edu/QualPage/
Extensive subject directory to online resources for qualitative researchers.

http://www.aqr.org.uk/glossary/
Qualitative Research Glossary.

http://tqr.nova.edu/
Qualitative Report, an online journal with articles about methods used in qualitative research and findings from qualitative research.

National Geographic text and film about Bushmen in Kalahari desert. Rich anthropological data useful for planning ethnographic research.

http://www.analytictech.com/mb870/handouts/efieldnote.htm
Example of field and code notes.

Evaluation Research

http://www.seagov.org/
Governmental Accounting Standards Board site, includes information on performance measurement in government, with case studies.

National Science Foundation-funded text on mixed-methods evaluation.
http://www.wmich.edu/evalctr/
The Evaluation Center at Western Michigan University, with checklists and tools for use in evaluation of schools.

http://www.dare.org/
Official site of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education project.

http://www.huduser.org/
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Numerous publications and data sets on policy development.

http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/intreval.htm
Basic guide to evaluation research.

Historical and Comparative Research

http://www.worldbank.org/
World Bank website, with numerous resources useful for comparative research.

http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm
A compilation of statistical information by the United Nations on the nations of the world; allows generation of charts for comparing nations and detailed statistics on individual nations.

Central Intelligence Agency Fact Book, with extensive statistics on all countries.

http://www.qdewill.com/
Information on the procedures used by professional document examiners to determine authenticity, age, etc.

http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/
Government Resources on the Web. A subject directory compiled by the University of Michigan Documents Center.

http://congress.gov/
Thomas, Legislative Information on the Internet. Federal legislation, including pending and past legislation, and committee composition.

http://www.queensu.ca/csd/
Centre for Studies on Democracy and Diversity at Queen’s University, Ontario, Canada. Includes links to data archives and courses.

Qualitative Data Analysis

http://caqdas.soc.surrey.ac.uk/
Background information on computer-assisted qualitative data analysis software.

http://onlineqda.hud.ac.uk/Intro_QDA/what_is_qda.php
Article providing overview of qualitative data analysis.

http://www.qualisresearch.com/
Producers of Ethnograph software.

http://www.qsrinternational.com/
Producers of N6 and NVivo software.

University of British Columbia directory of online articles on qualitative data analysis.

http://www.researchware.com/
Producers of HyperRESEARCH software.

http://www.researchware.com/hr/downloads.html
Free downloads for HyperRESEARCH.

Content Analysis

http://library.msstate.edu/csrc/ContentAnalysis.asp
Mississippi State University instructional services on content analysis, with related Internet resources.

http://academic.csuohio.edu/neuendorf_ka/content/toc.pdf
Companion to Neuendorf’s text on content analysis, with links to other online resources.

Quantitative Data Analysis

http://www.electionstudies.org/
National Election Studies. Includes questions asked since 1952, data sets, and link to site for online analysis.

http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html
Statistical Resources on the Web. A subject directory compiled by the Documents Center at the University of Michigan.

http://www-01.ibm.com/software/analytics/spss/
Statistical Package for the Social Sciences home page, with news and exemplary findings.

http://www.statcan.ca/start.html
Statistics Canada, with extensive information about Canada’s land and population.

http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/
StatLib. Resources for professional statisticians, including data sets.

http://vassarstats.net
A simulator that can calculate a range of statistics. Request the normal curve simulation, enter the value of the mean and standard deviation, and it generates a normal curve with these statistics. Enter values for X and Y and this simulator will calculate bivariate regression statistics.

http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/
Bill Trochim’s Center for Social Research Methods, with a variety of resources for learning and using research methods, including statistics tutorials.

http://www.issr.ucla.edu/
Institute of Social Science Research at UCLA, with data archives listing hundreds of quantitative data sets available for downloading and analysis.

http://www.ciser.cornell.edu/info/about.shtml
Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research. List of extensive data archives, mostly available only to Cornell University users.

http://www.ksdc.re.kr/unisql/engjap/eindex.html
Korean Social Science Data Center, with extensive tutorial on statistical analysis.

http://www.childstats.gov/americaschildren/index.asp

http://www.iq.harvard.edu/
Harvard University’s Institute for Quantative Social Science.

http://www.270towin.com/
Detailed maps and figures regarding the U.S. presidential election.

http://onlinestatbook.com/rvls.html
Teaching tools that allow students to run statistical analyses and gain greater understanding of such concepts.

http://webstat.une.edu.au/
Includes definitions and examples of common descriptive and inferential statistics techniques.

http://fedstats.sites.usa.gov/
Large collection of secondary data from “abortion” to “women-owned businesses.”

https://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/elections/statistics.html
Resources on U.S. presidential elections.

http://www.sjsu.edu/faculty/gerstman/StatPrimer/
Primer for statistics includes concepts and exercises to practice working with numbers.

http://sda.berkeley.edu/index.htm
Offers a number of large studies and data files that can be used for analysis and information.
http://www.psysch.utah.edu/learn/statsampler.html
University of Utah site allowing practice with various statistical techniques.

Reporting Research

http://www.nih.gov
National Institutes of Health. Information about NIH programs and grants.

National Science Foundation’s Social and Economic Sciences. Information regarding the Social and Economic Sciences Program, research funding, current and past supported projects, and so forth.

http://www.ntis.gov/
National Technical Information Service for ordering government publications.

http://iom.nationalacademies.org/
Institute of Medicine, with recent research reports online. IOM reports summarize the “state of the art” in a particular area of investigation and often include policy recommendations.

http://www.nap.edu/
National Academies Press, with hundreds of research reports on different topics available for order or for reading (for free) online.

http://www.umich.edu/~psid/
The Panel Study of Income Dynamics. Provides data and publications based on these data.

http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html
Instructions for U.S. Public Health Service grants, the general format for seeking research funds from the National Institutes of Health.

Subject Information

Criminology/Criminal Justice

http://www.asc41.com
American Society of Criminology. Includes much useful information for students, academicians, and practitioners in the many disciplines related to criminal justice.

http://www.abanet.org/domviol/
The American Bar Association’s Commission on Domestic Violence. Includes a definition of domestic violence, procedures for identifying a person as a victim of domestic violence, and a list of “basic warning signs.”

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov

http://www.fbi.gov
Federal Bureau of Investigation. Much interesting information on crime.

http://www.ojdp.gov/
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention website.

http://www.policefoundation.org
Police Foundation. Lists current and past research projects and summarizes their impact.

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/NCVS/
National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. Offers statistics as well as information on the development of the National Crime Victimization Survey and the ability to analyze data.

http://www.bjs.gov/
Bureau of Justice Statistics. Crime statistics giving information about victims, offenders, courts, and special topics.

http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/archive.html
Offers information and online analysis tools for information regarding criminal justice. Registration required.

Demographics

http://popindex.princeton.edu

http://stats.bls.gov
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. A significant source of data on employment and earnings.

http://www.census.gov
U.S. Bureau of the Census home page. Contains tables and graphs reporting detailed census data, including population data and economic indicators.

http://www.census.gov/about/census-careers.html
Employment opportunities at the census.

http://www.pop.umn.edu/index.php
Minnesota Population Center. Access to various databases detailing domestic and foreign demographic information. Registration required.

Health, Homelessness, and Substance Abuse

http://www.cdc.gov/
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Provides access to statistics, news, fact sheets, and links.

http://www.nationalhomeless.org
National Coalition for the Homeless. Current statistics, publications, legislative developments, and links to other resources.

http://www.aecf.org/work/kids-count/
KIDS COUNT website for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, with easy-to-access interactive statistics and charts that describe children’s well-being by state, city, and other geographic divisions in the United States.

http://www.nia.nih.gov
National Institute on Aging. Links to research resources, including statistics, literature, and funding opportunities.

http://alcoholstudies.rutgers.edu/
Center of Alcohol Studies. Offers links to numerous sites related to alcohol and alcoholism.

http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/magazine/winter09binge/
Comments based on the Harvard School of Public Health student substance abuse surveys.

http://www.samhsa.gov/
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Offers summaries of publications, reports, and statistical information on SAMSHA research.

Pew Internet research documenting peoples’ Internet searches regarding their health.

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nnhs.htm
CDC’s study on aging and nursing home care.

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/faststats/Default.htm
CDC’s fast stats, which provides fast access to a large variety of health topics.
http://www.niaaa.nih.gov
National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse. Provides many resources.

http://www.nih.gov
National Institutes of Health. Information about NIH programs and grants.

**Politics, Comparative and Historical**

http://www.gallup.com
Gallup poll. This site contains election poll results dating back to 1936 and information from polls on current events.

http://www.ropercenter.uconn.edu
The Roper Center. General information on the center and poll results on presidential performance.

http://www.pollingreport.com/
Current, indexed polling data on contemporary issues from a variety of sources.

http://www.fec.gov/
Federal Electoral Commission, with rules and news.

http://www.thearda.com/index.asp
American Religion Data Archive, with survey and area data concerning religion and churches.

http://www.findlaw.com/
Federal and state constitutional, statutory and case law.

http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/polisci.html
University of Michigan site with list of many online resources for political scientists.

http://www.rasmussenreports.com/#&panel1-1
Extensive public opinion data from Rasmussen Research.

http://votesmart.org/
Project Vote-Smart site, with information on thousands of candidates and government officials.

http://hraf.yale.edu/
Human Relations Area Files. Information and user guides regarding the contents of extensive collection of ethnographic data from around the world. You must be at a member institution to gain access to materials.

http://aad.archives.gov/aad/
National Archives databases. Government documents regarding wars, labor unions, business and more.

http://www.loc.gov
Library of Congress database. Search for information on laws, bills, and records of individual.