Research & Resources for Sociology 3 – Chabot College Library
http://www.chabotcollege.edu/library

Finding Books
Chabot College Library Catalog – search “words or phrase” to start:

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Government and Agency Websites
National
- Guide to different branches: http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/federal.shtml
- List of all U.S. Agencies: http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies/index.shtml

State
- Gateway to California resources: http://www.ca.gov/
- List of California Agencies: http://www.ca.gov/HomeFamily/Agencies.html

Local
- Guides to local governments: http://www.ca.gov/About/Government/Local.html
- California city websites: http://www.ca.gov/About/Government/Local/cities.html

Statistics

Tip: See if your program or policy has an official website, but remember that official websites are most likely to present their program in a positive light. Read articles from magazines, journal articles and other news sources to balance your information.

Background/Reference Material (Reference section of the library)
- An Encyclopedia of American Political History E 183 E5 1984
- The Encyclopedic Dictionary of Sociology HM 17 E5 1986
- Encyclopedia of Sociology HM 17 E5 1992
- Encyclopedia of American Social History HN 57 E58 1993
- Encyclopedia of American Social Movements HN 57 E594 2004
- The Disability Rights Movement HV 1553 P42 1997
- Encyclopedia of Homelessness HV 4493 E53 2004
- Great American Court Cases KF 385 A4 C68 1999
- California Civil Practice Statutes and Rules KFC 990 A1935 2003
- Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court KF 8742 C65 1990
- Encyclopedia of American Education LB 17 U54 1996
Finding Articles
Use Chabot College Library Subscription Databases to find full-text articles that originally appeared in magazines, journals, and newspapers in print form. Access these from the library website:

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*Sample search from Ebsco Academic Search Elite:*

| Search tips: | Use quotation marks to search for phrases, such as “no child left behind” | - If you’re not finding what you’re looking for, try different combinations of keywords to broaden or narrow your search |

Finding Websites

Librarians’ Internet Index

http://www.lii.org - A great alternative to Google when doing internet searches. Websites reviewed and selected by librarians.

When looking online, keep in mind the researcher’s three Ws of the worldwide web:

1. **Who** – Can you tell who the author is? How are they qualified to write on the subject?
2. **Why** – What is the author’s motivation? Is it biased in any way?
3. **When** – When was this website last updated? Is the information current?