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WHY?



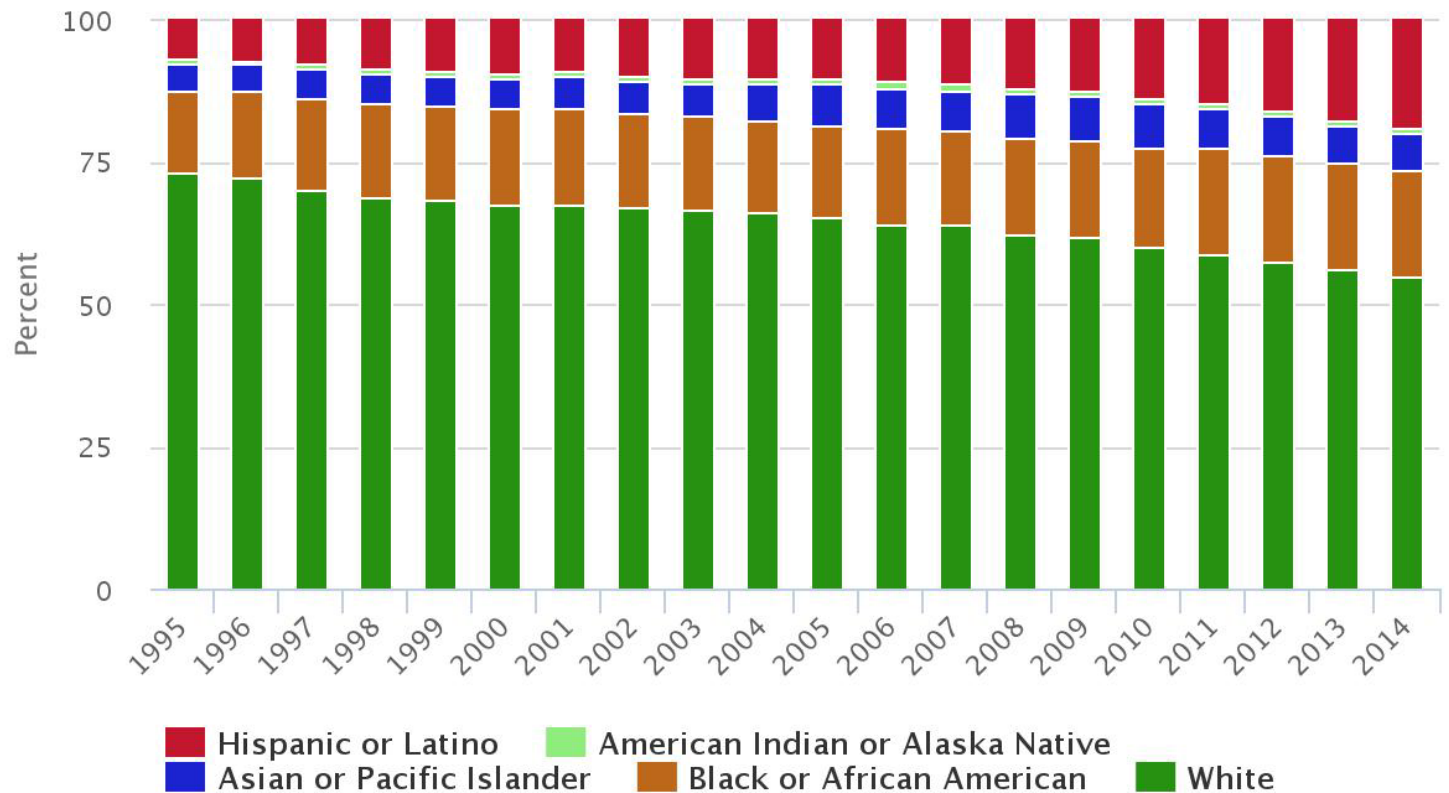
Long Standing Need to Increase Diversity in STEM Workforce

- Women and people of color are under-represented in STEM.
- Business case for diversity.

<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2016/nsf16048/nsf16048.pdf>



Bachelor's Degrees Awarded in Sociology, by Race or Ethnicity, 1995-2014



Highcharts.com

<http://www.asanet.org/research-and-publications/research-sociology/trends/bachelors-degrees-awarded-sociology-race-or-ethnicity>

“Sociology helps me explain my life to myself”



Sociology as a gateway to STEM





Sociology IS STEM...

- Sociology program at NSF
- Sociologist served as Deputy and Acting Head of NSF
- Section on Social and Behavioral Science at the AAAS
- Sociology in the 2015 MCAT

The need for “seamless integration”

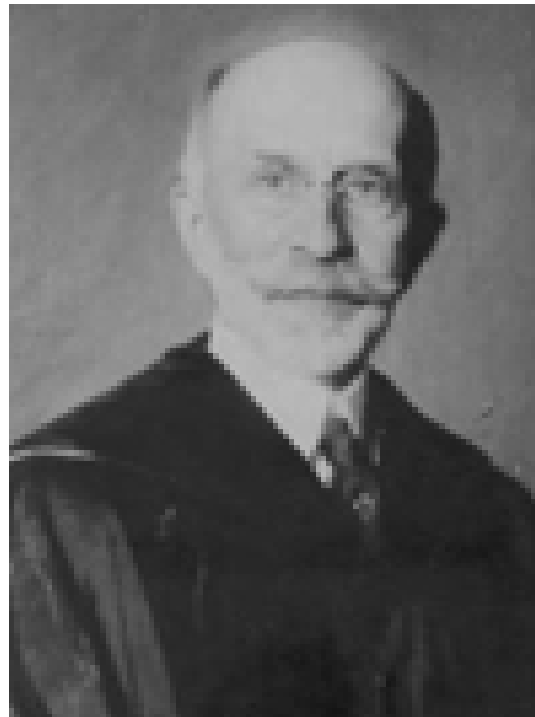
“The 21st century is the century of science and engineering for the average citizen of the world. Not for the scientist. Not for the engineer. But for the average human being on the planet. **That means how a non-scientist, average citizen, engages with science and engineering is going to determine how we, as inhabitants of the planet, are going to achieve or fail at the end of the century.** It is crucial that 21st century scientists and engineers understand the life of the average citizen of the world. **This invariably calls for a seamless integration of discoveries and approaches between the natural sciences and social sciences.**”
(emphasis added)





CHALLENGES

No thanks, we're not really
interested...



What do they know?





SUCSESSES...

GRASSROOTS

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RESOURCES FOR HIGH SCHOOL SOCIOLOGY

WELCOME TEACHERS!

The American Sociological Association (ASA) believes that sociology at the high school level is a very important part of a student's curriculum and we are excited to support teachers with resources and a community of teachers. The ASA offers many resources for teachers to engage and excite students and to help launch the next generation of sociologists.

Have questions? Contact highschool@asanet.org

National Standards for High School Sociology

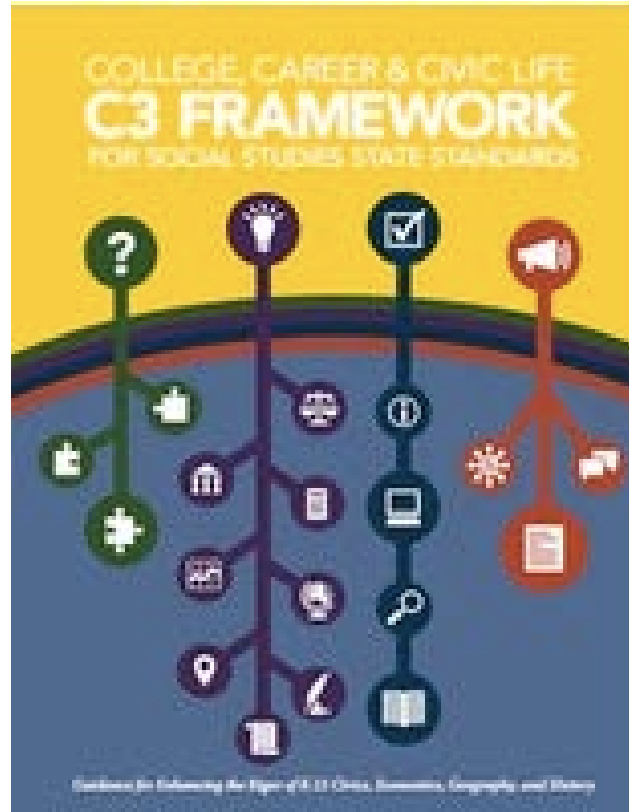
The American Sociological Association's (ASA) National Standards

Quick Links for High School Teachers

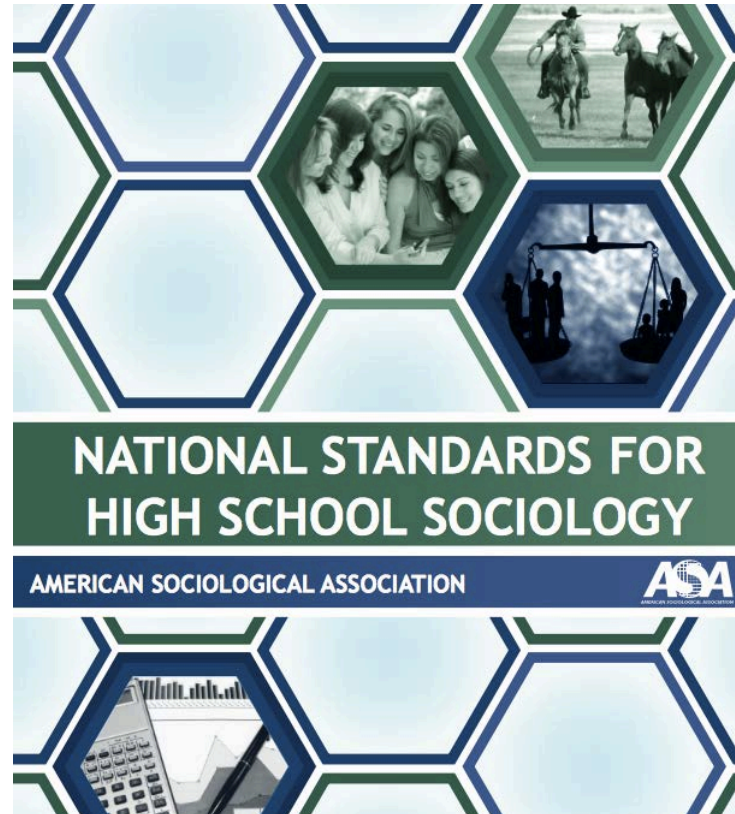
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Sociology in the C3 Framework for Social Studies



National Standards for High School Sociology



TRAILS





PERMANENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED

- February 2016
- Funds to support
 - Director, Assistant Director stipends
 - Annual symposium at NCSS
 - Advisory panel

2017 ASA President



“As ASA President, I would be honored to work toward strengthening our disciplines resources, status, and labor markets. Thus, I will reinitiate efforts to create high school Advanced Placement sociology courses and support ASA staff in developing K-12 sociology programs.”



NEXT STEPS



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- Continuing outreach to teachers.
 - 25-30% of high schools offer sociology
- Research on high schools and high school students.
 - 2013 Longitudinal Study of High Schools
- Membership category?
- Online teacher training program?
- College Board?
- Conversation today...