

# The Alcoholic Self Sociological Observations

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## Books in Print Supplement The Alcoholic Self

An authoritative, topical, and comprehensive reference to the key concepts and most important traditional and contemporary issues in medical sociology. Contains 35 chapters by recognized experts in the field, both established and rising young scholars. Covers standard topics in the field as well as new and engaging issues such as bioterrorism, bioethics, and infectious disease. Chapters are thematically arranged to cover the major issues of the sub-discipline. Global range of contributors and an international perspective. [An Integrated Approach](#) SAGE Publications, Incorporated. This volume - a probing ethnographic study of the process of recovery from alcoholism - is the first sustained, in-depth analysis of the lived experiences of the recovering alcoholic. Drawing on many case studies and extensive personal experience, Denzin investigates and analyzes the phenomenology of drinking and alcoholism. He considers: the factors which make alcoholics seek treatment; the social stigmas which face the recovering alcoholic; and other difficulties which hinder the recovery process. He also outlines the ways in which groups like Alcoholics Anonymous are effective.

**Issues in Sociology and Social Work—Aging, Medical, and Missionary Research and Application: 2012 Edition** McGraw-Hill Education (UK)

'Sociology' is relevant to current teaching and courses dealing with sociology as a living subject and incorporating the classic traditions of the discipline. This new edition has been updated with a range of new case studies and additional chapters.

**The Language of the Heart** Routledge. Offering a unique theoretical foundation to understanding the lived experience of the active alcoholic, Denzin asserts that alcoholism is a disease in which negative emotions divide the self into warring, inner factions, fueled and distorted by alcoholic intoxication. The work is solidly anchored in a long-term study of the socialization experiences that began in alcoholism treatment centers and continue in Alcoholics Anonymous recovery programs. It covers the treatment process, the restructuring of self, the alcoholic's interaction with his recovery treatment program, and the modalities of self-transcendence that result from treatment. **Evaluating Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Effectiveness** SIU Press

Denzin offers a uniquely phenomenological approach to explain the development of an alcoholic's sense of self that is fragmented, defensive and subjective. He discusses behavioural and psychoanalytic theories of the problem and considers the views of alcoholics themselves. He places the disease within a broader social context, arguing that the alcoholic's internal conflicts reflect the dichotomies and contradictions in society. **21st Century Sociology: A Reference Handbook** Elsevier. Joseph R. Gusfield has been for decades the most creative, penetrating, and far-sighted sociologist of alcohol's ambiguous place in American society. Combining in his work the perspectives and methods of historian, anthropologist, and sociologist, Gusfield brings together in this volume many of his most important articles from a span of twenty years, as well as several fascinating but little-known ethnographic studies of bars in San Diego and a previously unpublished study of court-mandated procedures involving convicted drinking-drivers. Gusfield begins by offering two new constructionist analyses of social problems, focusing on alcohol. His theme throughout **Contested Meanings** is the conflicting and changing ways society defines social problems (when does alcohol consumption cross the line from social activity to social problem?) and on the social and policy consequences of those definitions. He emerges in the course of the book as a thoughtful and realistic social critic who looks beyond analyses of drinking as pathological behavior to consider the place of alcohol in American popular and leisure

culture.

**Choice** Routledge

Established in 1895 as the first U.S. scholarly journal in its field, *AJS* remains a leading voice for analysis and research in the social sciences, presenting work on the theory, methods, practice, and history of sociology. *AJS* also seeks the application of perspectives from other social sciences and publishes papers by psychologists, anthropologists, statisticians, economists, educators, historians, and political scientists.

**Women with Alcoholic Husbands** Oxford University Press

Over the last decade the world has experienced a growing interest in problems associated with the nonmedical use of drugs. This interest has corresponded to a real growth in the extent, diversity, and social impact of the use of alcohol and drugs in many societies. As a result, the amount of research and writing on the subject of drug problems has greatly increased, and it has become very difficult for one individual to keep up with all the relevant literature. There is thus an acute need in the field for critical reviews that assess current developments, and the present series is intended to fill this need. The series is not to be an "annual review" in the usual sense. The aim is not to cover all the work reported during the preceding year in relation to a fixed selection of topics. Rather, it is to present each year evaluative papers on topics in which enough recent progress has been made to alter the general scope in a particular area. Owing to the multidisciplinary nature of problems of drug use and dependence, the papers published in each volume will be drawn from several disciplines. However, some volumes may be devoted to one particular problem, with individual reviews and papers examining various aspects of it. The composition of the editorial board and the international advisory board reflects these objectives. The editors are members of the senior scientific staff of the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario.

**Alcohol and Drug Problems in Women** Springer Science & Business Media

There is no simple threshold between the experience of drinking and the pleasure it can bring on the one hand and the pain and suffering caused by alcohol abuse on the other. But if we are to understand the role of alcohol in society, then at the very least we need to acknowledge the pleasure as well as the pain. **Alcohol and Pleasure** aims to bring together existing knowledge on the role of pleasure in drinking and determine whether the concept is useful for scientific understanding and policy consideration.

**Understanding Social Problems** SAGE Publications, Incorporated. **Evaluating Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Effectiveness: Recent Advances** is a collection of papers that covers the advancement in rehabilitation of individuals with a history of substance abuse. The title aims to find ways in identifying the treatment that best fits a specific patient. The text first provides a historical account of alcohol and drug treatment outcome research. Next, the selection considers the use of multiple measures of life health to assess alcohol treatment. Chapter 3 deals with the behavioral assessment and treatment evaluation of narcotic addiction, while Chapter 4 talks about the evaluation of behavioral and traditional treatment of alcoholics. The fifth chapter tackles the contingency contracting with drug abusers, and the sixth chapter covers the development of a prototype for the evaluation of alcohol treatment. The text also details the problems in alcohol treatment along with the improvement of confidence in treatment of substance abuse. The book will be of great use to behavioral scientists, social workers, and mental health specialists.

**Alcoholics Anonymous and the Reality of Alcoholism** John Wiley & Sons

The relationship between adult education research and theory is one of tension. On the one hand, there are several empirical studies carried out without any theoretical guidance. On the other hand, there is theorizing and theory building taking place without any empirical support. **Social Science Theories in Adult Education Research**, the third volume of the Bochum Studies in International Adult Education series, pleads for the importance of the combination of empirical and theoretical work in a symbiotic way. Good empirical studies need theoretical guidance and good theory building needs a solid empirical basis; thus the book explores and displays the most often used theories and theoretical perspectives in adult education research in the last decade within the European discourse and analyzes their potentials for adult education research. The chapters presented in this volume have a more or less similar underlying structure. They display the most important contours of the theory or perspective in question; they analyze and discuss the relation to adult education research, focusing on examples of other researcher's work; and they give an outlook on what can be expected of the respective paradigm's in the future.

**Sociological Methods** SAGE Publications, Incorporated. Combines anatomy and physiology with principles of nursing practice to present an approach to patient care and the nurse's role. This title introduces the role of the nurse and the scope of practice (accountability, EBP, EBL etc). It then looks at each body system in turn. **Becoming Alcoholic** Univ of North Carolina Press

Alcohol use is an integral part of the gay world. According to some estimates, the rate of problem drinking is about three times higher among gays than in mainstream society, but few researchers have examined this phenomenon in depth. Thomas S. Weinberg's ethnographic study provides new insight into the role of drinking in the gay male community. Weinberg utilizes interviewing and participant observation techniques in a variety of drinking-related settings in the gay subculture of "Paradise City," the fictitious name of a large western city where he carried out his research. Emphasizing drinking as social behavior, Weinberg explores the ways social contexts such as bars, love relationships, and reference groups affect individual drinking patterns and concludes that drinking is intimately entwined with friendship networks and extended families in the gay world. Weinberg is concerned not only with alcoholism but with variation in alcohol use and changes in alcohol use over time. He employs the concept of "career" to explain why and how an individual's drinking might either increase or decrease over the course of his lifetime. Letting his informants speak for themselves, Weinberg directs attention to their own perspectives on the meaning of their drinking behavior. After creating a typology of drinkers, including self-defined as well as researcher-defined alcoholics, Weinberg considers alternative explanations for gay problem drinking. He thoroughly explores the gay bar scene, its importance in gay life, and the way that interactions within the bar environment affect drinking and risk-taking, specifically as they relate to HIV. Weinberg also looks closely at self-defined gay alcoholics and considers three alternative explanations for gay problem drinking: the alienation thesis, the influence of parental role models, and reference group theory. He rejects the alienation thesis and the influence of parental role models because these causal factors were not borne out by his statistical correlations. Instead, Weinberg finds the most powerful explanation in reference group theory, which links individuals' behavior to the norms of the social groups they identify with. Finally, he arrives at a processual model of gay problem drinking based on his data analysis. By comparing alcohol use in the homosexual and heterosexual communities, Weinberg provides a new perspective on gay problem drinking that will interest sociologists, psychologists, and clinicians, as well as concerned lay readers in the gay community. He cites examinations of large-scale survey research on tavern attendance and drinking, ethnographic studies of bar behavior, literature on special groups, and studies of marital interaction in alcoholic families, concluding that gay drinking is a special situation that only reference group theory and a processual model adequately address. The closing chapter contains policy recommendations for reducing alcohol use in the gay community.

**Recent Advances** Univ of North Carolina Press

In this important study of women with alcoholic husbands, Asher vividly describes the process of coming to terms with a profound crisis in one's private life. From interviews with more than fifty women, all of whom were participants in family treatment programs, she assembles a composite picture of the experiences shared by wives of alcoholics. The testimony given by these women illustrates the steps they must take to regain control of their lives. The first step is figuring out what is happening and deciding what to do about it. Asher argues that the vogue of using the label "codependent" may actually hinder rather than facilitate emotional health. Led to think of themselves as addicted to their husbands' addictions the wives of alcoholics may be persuaded that their own problems can't be overcome. But, Asher shows, these women can take command of their lives. Originally published in 1992. A UNC Press Enduring Edition -- UNC Press Enduring Editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print. These editions are published unaltered from the original, and are presented in affordable paperback formats, bringing readers both historical and cultural value.

**A Sociological Analysis of a Symbolic Act** Routledge

Denzin offers a uniquely phenomenological approach to explain the development of an alcoholic's sense of self that is fragmented, defensive and subjective. He discusses behavioural and psychoanalytic theories of the problem and considers the views of alcoholics themselves. He places the disease within a broader social context, arguing that the alcoholic's internal conflicts reflect the dichotomies and contradictions in society.

**The Alcoholic Self** SAGE

The Alcoholic Self SAGE Publications, Incorporated

The Alcoholic Society Transaction Publishers

A world list of books in the English language.

**Doing Sociology** SIU Press

A comprehensive collection of contemporary and classical readings on sociological method, this book provides students with systematic analyses of each of the major strategies employed in sociological research. It may be used as a supplement or as the basic set of readings for all courses in methods. The book contains thirteen sections dealing with theory and its development; issues of sampling units; problems of developing new measurement techniques; difficulties surrounding the interview (with special emphasis on interviewing deviant, hostile, and silent respondents); the nature of causation; and a review of the major methods of proof available to the sociologist. Actual research studies, focusing in turn on the experiment, the survey, participant observation, life-histories, and

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unobtrusive analysis, are also included. Each section is preceded by an introduction, that defines the major issues in each paper, offers a discussion of problems not covered explicitly in the readings, and in general shows how each paper contributes to a view of interactional research processes. Because of its interactional approach, its use of classic articles, its anticipation of problems not yet formulated clearly in the literature, its illustrations of how social organizations may be studied, its inclusion of articles relevant to the social psychology of experiments, and its new statements on the ethics of research, this book will be invaluable in methods courses. Especially when used in conjunction with its companion text, *The Research Act*, the book provides perhaps the most original and most useful compendium available to students today.

The New Blackwell Companion to Medical Sociology ScholarlyEditions Affiliation with Alcoholics Anonymous parallels religious conversion, according to David R. Rudy in this timely study of the most famous self-help organization in the world. Drinkers who commit themselves to Alcoholics Anonymous embrace the radically different life-style, the altered world of the convert. To understand this conversion and, more important, to get a grip on the even deeper mystery of alcoholism itself, Rudy sought to answer these three questions: What processes are involved in becoming alcoholic? How does the alcoholic affiliate with, and become committed to, A. A. ' s belief system? What is the relationship between the world of A. A. members and that constructed by alcoholologists? Rudy establishes the history and structure of A. A. and examines the organization ' s relationship to dominant sociological models, theories, and definitions of alcoholism.

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