

Sociologists in Action: Sociology, Social Change, and Social Justice

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How many times have we all been posed with the seemingly central question facing sociology professors today... “But what can I *do* with a sociology degree?” The question, often asked by students on the cusp of

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