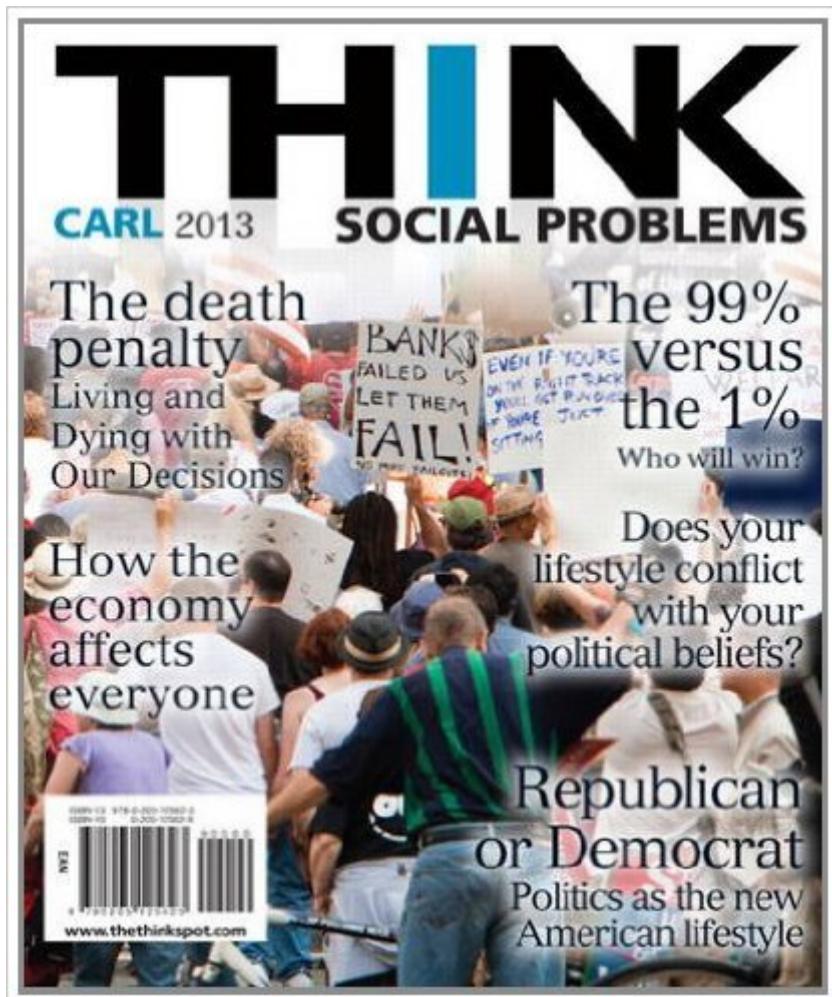


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This is hands-down the most awful textbook I've ever been required to buy. I have never been fond of Pearson's low standards in general, but *Think! Social Problems* takes the cake. In terms of paper, this is about as cheap as it gets. Even bargain bin paperback novels at Big Box Mart have heavier, more durable paper. The cover is about as flimsy as it gets too; I've had this book for about a week now, and I'm already seeing bubbly creases are beginning to run across the front cover and fraying of the corners-- no abuse, just commuting with the book in my messenger bag. That's only the physical side of the book. In terms of content, the writing is shallow and condescending, and relevant information is skimmed over, drowning in filler and lost in needless graphical flourishes (more on that later). On top of that, it tries too hard to appear edgy and relevant; It's the literary equivalent of a 40-year-old trying to dress like a teenage pop idol, and not to mention, the author is desperately out of touch with recent developments. Example: he conflates theatrical flash mobs with the recent London riots, because they were both coordinated with cell phones, ignoring that the former also included a great amount of pre-planning and practice, and goes on to suggest the whole phenomenon of people using cell phones to coordinate large groups is a social problem, and very quickly dismisses the rioters as people looking to get out of work -- this is all in the first handful of pages, folks!

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