

# SOC 205 Week 6: Overview

This week we are looking at society's institutions that provide health and safety: healthcare, social services and government. We will look at how these systems, including the criminal justice system and incarceration system, can provide health and safety and how they can create and sustain systems of oppression, inequity and injustice.

## Learning Objectives

1. Explain how sociologists identify the functions of government, health care, and social services in society.
2. Discuss how sociologists understand the health of a society through medical sociology and the social construction of illness.
3. Illustrate how and why groups have different experiences with safety and health protections and are impacted differently when presented with safety and health crises.
4. Identify how the government influences health and safety through health care and social service policy.
5. Explain how historical events of European colonization shape contemporary issues around health and safety.
6. Discuss the role of social movements in bringing about change to health and safety in the US.

## Course Materials

### Watch/Listen

#### Food Insecurity - Adelante Mujeres

- Video: [Adelante Mujeres: Empowering Latinas in Oregon to rise up:](#)
- Blog: [Partnering to end food insecurity: Adelante Mujeres](#)
- [Food Insecurity Rates by Demographic Groups](#)

#### Food Insecurity – Black Farming in Oregon

- Video: [Mudbone Grown Reimagines Black Farming in Oregon Video:](#) (10 min)
- Blog: [Black and Indigenous Communities in Solidarity for Land Justice](#)
- [Food Insecurity Rates by Demographic Groups](#)

#### Clean Water – Jackson Water Crisis

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- Video: [Racism seen as the root of the Jackson Water Crisis](#)
- [March for Clean water Slideshow](#)
- [Report: Water and Reproductive Health](#)

#### Safe Housing – Queer and Houseless

- Video: [A Road to Home](#)
- Making an Infographic on Homelessness: [The Designers Tale \(King County is in Washington State\)](#)
- Report: [Homelessness and Housing Instability Among LGBTQ Youth](#) (particularly Executive Summary and Pages 10 and 11)
- Video: [Mass Incarceration](#)

#### Seeing differently

- Mental Health [Answering the Healers Call](#)
- [Childbirth: Spirit of Birth](#)

#### Doing health differently

- [Traditional Indigenous Knowledge: Gathering Medicine](#)
- [Black Panthers: The Black Panthers overlooked health problems](#)

#### Doing Safety differently

- [Abolition: What is abolition?](#) [Video not available]
- Transformative justice: [What is transformative justice?](#)
- [Bodily autonomy and gender-based violence](#)

#### Read:

- Chapter 6: Globalization and Inequality This chapter introduces some of the following key concepts and terms: colonialism, colonization, Colonies of Rule, Colonies of Settlement, environmental sustainability, neocolonialism, North American Free Trade Agreement and The White Mans' Burden.