

# Sociology

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DISCOVER



SEATTLE COLLEGES

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# Who is Geoff?

Seattle native



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Data | Local News

## Most people in Seattle are from somewhere else. So what does that say about the 'Seattle Freeze'?

Oct. 24, 2019 at 6:00 am | Updated Oct. 25, 2019 at 12:59 pm



### Transplant city



**3 out of 10** Seattle adults were born in Washington

**5 out of 10** were born in another U.S. state

**2 out of 10** were born in another country

Source: U.S. Census via IPUMS-USA

JAMES ABUNDIS / THE SEATTLE TIMES

By [Gene Balk / FYI Guy](#)

Seattle Times columnist

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# Who is Geoff?

Seattle native  
NSC and UW alum  
NSC Sociology Prof  
Hockey fan  
Loves Dogs and Hash  
Browns  
Fast Food Veteran



# Who is Geoff?



<https://www.capitolhillseattle.com/2009/11/wto-10-years-later-the-battle-for-capitol-hill/>

# Who is Geoff?



# Why did this happen?

# What is a Sociology Major?

**Sociology**: is the systematic study of the connections between the individual and the social forces that envelop us.

## Individual + Social Forces

### **Topics:**

- Culture
- Crime
- Socialization
- Social Structure
- Social Networks
- Deviance
- Race/Ethnicity
- Gender
- Social Class
- Immigration
- Education
- Occupation/Social Mobility
- Politics
- Environment



# Guess the Sociology Major

Can you guess who the famous sociology majors are? Put your guess in the chat!

This soccer player took Best Woman Player from FIFA in 2019 and called for an end to racism at the ESPYs. Married to a star WNBA player, she is known for crafty play on the field and activism off it.



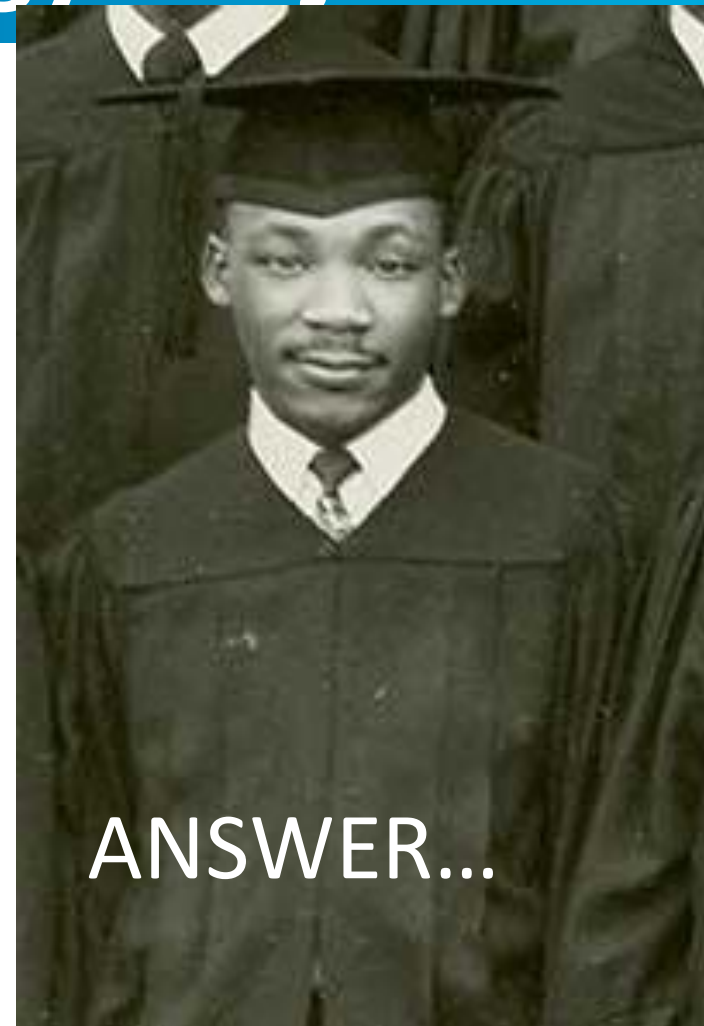
**ANSWER...**

**Megan  
Rapinoe**

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This Baptist minister and social activist led the Civil Rights Movement in the United States from the mid-1950s until his death in 1968.



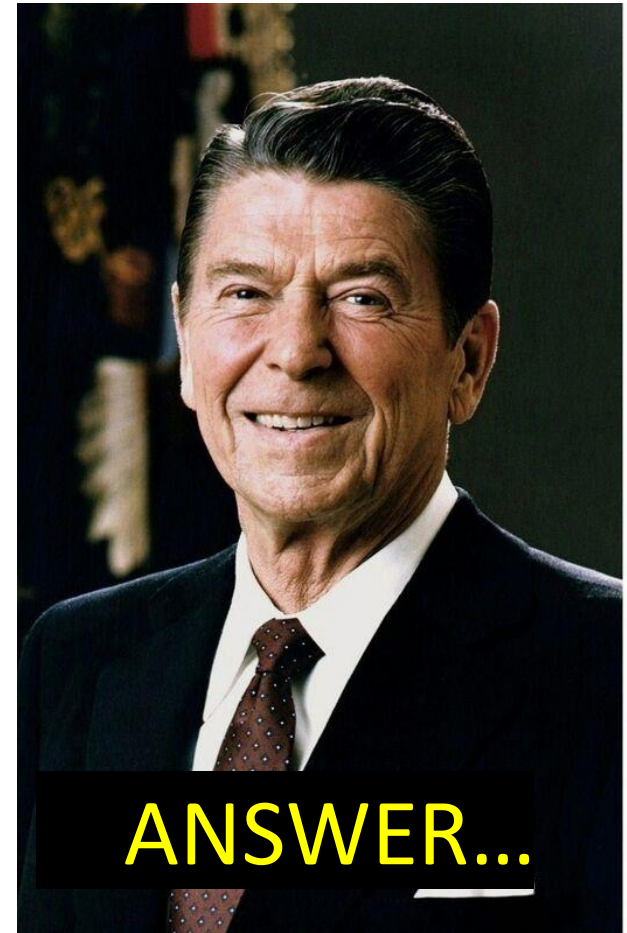
ANSWER...

**Martin Luther  
King Jr.**

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This U.S. president won 489 electoral votes compared to his opponent's 49. Maybe it's because he double majored in sociology and economics.



Ronald Reagan

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This spouse of a U.S. president grew up in the south side of Chicago before earning a sociology degree as an undergrad and then a law degree from Harvard University.



**ANSWER...**

**Michelle  
Obama**

# Who else studied Sociology?

1. Rev. Jesse Jackson
2. Maxine Waters, Congresswoman from LA
3. Barbara Mikulski, US Senator from Maryland
4. Amanda Gorman, US Youth Poet Laureate
5. Cory Booker, US Senator from New Jersey
6. Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the “sex doctor”
7. Alonzo Mourning, Miami Heat
8. Joe Theisman, NFL quarterback
9. Kal Penn, actor and Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs
10. Maybe you?

# Where can I study Sociology?

## Where is this program offered?

All Seattle Colleges have Sociology Programs

## Entry Requirements

Pre-College English and Math (but may not be prereqs, check with advising)

# Do you learn stuff?

Absolutely!

Faculty in Sociology typically hold advanced degrees.

In undergrad, learn how sociologists think and what they have discovered.

In postgrad, students become researchers, design studies, and learn new things about the social world.

# Do you learn stuff?

So. Much. Stuff.

Topical Content

Methodology

Critical Thinking

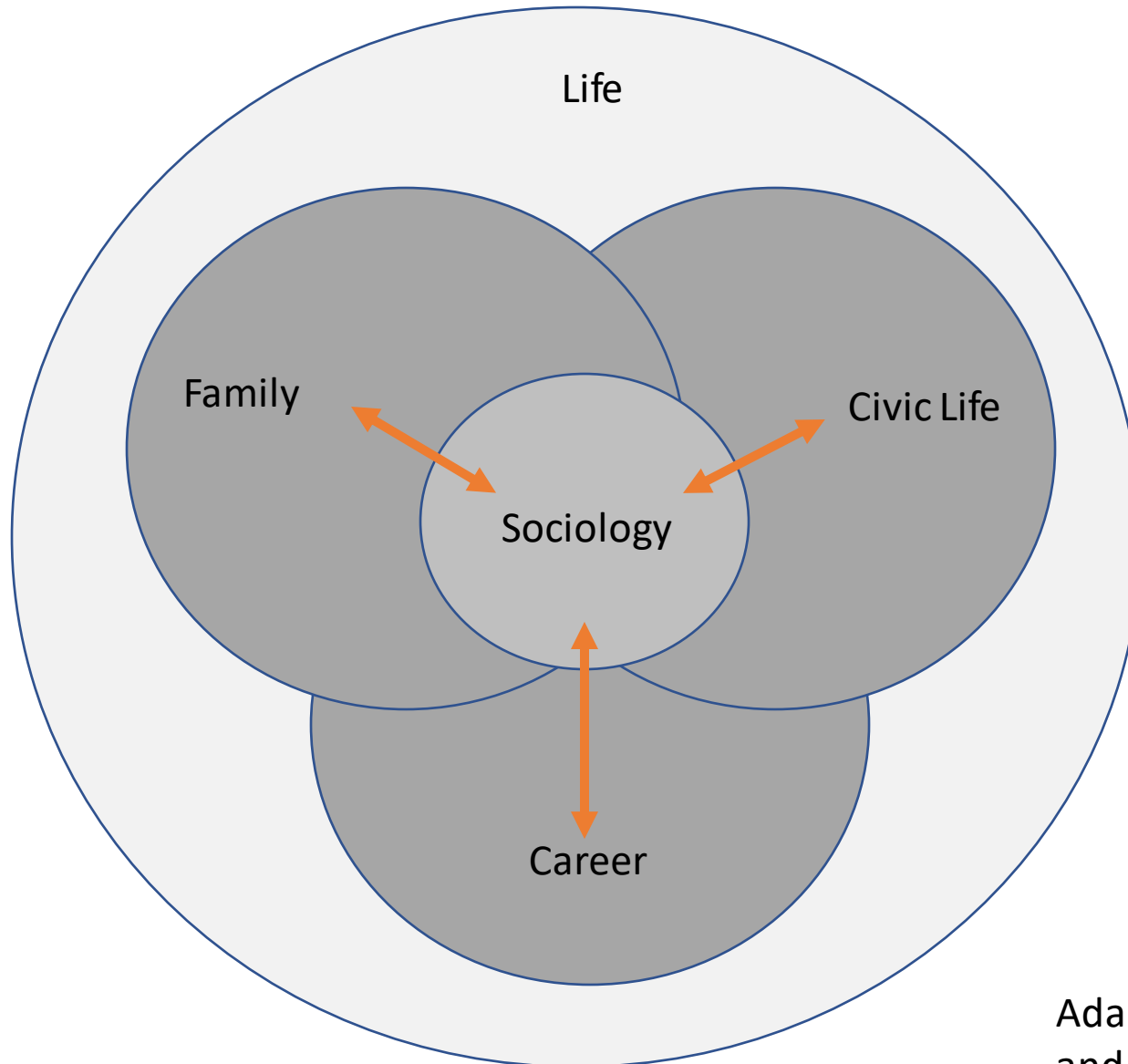
Implications for your own life

Humility

Curiosity



# A visual aid



Adapted from Sweet  
and Rothenberg 2007

# Education Pathway

What types of university programs or further education relate to this major?

- If you major in sociology, where do students typically transfer?
  - My students have gone all over the place.
  - Many stay local and go to one of the UW campuses.
- WWU
- WSU
- SPU
- SU
- Johns Hopkins
- UCLA
- UW—Madison
- Boston College
- Ross School of Medicine in the Caribbean
- Others

# Careers/Jobs

- What are the jobs associated with this major?
  - So many!
    - Sociologist
    - Market Analyst
    - Behavioral Scientist
    - Teacher
    - Statistician
    - Data Scientist
    - Criminologist
    - Probation Officer
    - Social Service Manager
    - Public Relations Specialist

# Careers/Jobs

- Where do graduates with this major typically work?
  - I don't know
- Average wages for local area? Entry level to experienced.
  - Workforce Development Council KC – powered by Emsi
    - <https://seakingwdc.emsicc.com/?radius=5%20miles&region=Seattle%2C%20WA>
  - ZipRecruiter
    - <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Sociology-Major-Salary>
  - Direct Archival Data for specific salaries for government employees:
    - <http://www.fiscal.wa.gov/salaries.aspx>

# Q & A

Questions about college admissions, advising, et cetera? Stick around for help from 620-630p.

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