SOCIAL SCIENCE TOPIC IDEAS  United States and Canada
The social sciences are those subjects that study the way people act, react, and interact. They focus on human behavior and relationships.

Social scientists use the scientific method (create a hypothesis, design/perform and experiment, observe/record data, and write up the results) to study these areas.

You won’t be doing the experiments and observations yourself, you’ll be finding and using the research social scientists have already done!
THE NEXT SLIDE WILL LIST (AND DEFINE) THE DISCIPLINES OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

EXPLORE THESE AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU WANT TO FIND A TOPIC FOR YOUR FIRST PAPER.

Each subject will link to a list of possible topics. Some of them will be linked to online encyclopedia articles about the topic.

This is not an exhaustive list. It is simply meant to give you ideas. If you have a topic not listed here, check with your professor.
• White flight
• Redlining housing
• Persisting racial issues in Milwaukee
• Hurricane Katrina and race
• Ferguson

• Black Lives Matter
• Gullah culture
• Gambling on reservations
• Residential boarding schools
• Native American mascots
• Indian activism
• Fox & Sac (Meskwaki)
• Sioux (Lakota & Dakota)
• Ojibwa

• Canadian residential schools
• Truth & Reconciliation Commission
• Dakota Access Pipeline
• Seminole
• Hmong Immigrants (WI/MN)
• Lost Boys of Sudan (Omaha)
• Seasonal agricultural workers
• Postville, IA
• Somali population (Twin Cities)

• Dreamers Act
• Ethnic enclaves & diversity in Canada
• Syrian refugees (Canada)
• Sri Lankan immigrants (Canada)
• Native American mascots
  (Univ. of Illinois-Urbana Champaign)
• Race in college sports
• Bilingual education
• Education reform
• Charter schools
• School choice
Iowa caucuses  Electoral college
• Native American mascots
• Gaming & casinos
• Horse racing
• Kentucky Derby
• Gender disparity
• Serena Williams & race
• Hockey nationalism
• College football playoffs
• Surfing
• Skateboarding
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• Wal-mart
• FedEx
• Labor unions
  • WI teachers union
  • Occupy movement

• Bourbon industry
• Beer brewing
  • Microbreweries
- Same sex marriage
- Black Lives Matter
- Women’s March
- Washington D.C. residents’ rights
- Marriage equality
- LGBT rights
- #MeToo movement
- Bilingualism in Canada
- Puerto Rican statehood
- Occupy movement
- Physician-assisted suicide
- Urban renewal
- Urban planning
Katrina & FEMA
Media coverage of Katrina
Mississippi’s damage
Katrina & PTSD
Race and Katrina
Puerto Rico recovery
Puerto Rico debt crisis