

SurveyResults

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1. How long have you been a member of SSSP?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Less than 1 year	<div></div>	67	19%
2	1 - 2 years	<div></div>	64	18%
7	My membership has been intermittent. (Please estimate number of years you have been a member on and off in the SSSP and list any factor(s) affecting your participation.	<div></div>	31	9%
3	3 - 5 years	<div></div>	52	15%
4	6 - 10 years	<div></div>	53	15%
5	11 - 20 years	<div></div>	28	8%
6	21+ years	<div></div>	61	17%
	Total		356	

My membership has been intermittent. (Please estimate number of years you have been a member on and off in the SSSP and list any factor(s) affecting your participation.
On for 20, off, and now on again...Was once always a member for the journal, but that was before easy availability on line at the library
4
3 years, mostly due to institutional funding and lack of papers to present
I am not sure what I'll get from being a member
3 years due to inability to afford the fees as a graduate student. I am now faculty and able to maintain my membership.
15-18 years
12 times in the past 20 years
7
5
6 or 7 years. I have a heart problem that prevents me going to any SSSP conferences.
over twenty years, my membership has been intermittent, often due to personal financial circumstances.
I first gave a peper at SSSP in 1975, and have attended approximately 20 annual conventions between 1968 and 2014.
10 years (costs money for little to no returns)
4 years; the lack of SSSP sections relevant to my work has affected membership
6
Location of meeting
Continuous since 2007; this surprises me, but I probably didn't have funding for conference travel before then. I was an intermittent member starting around 1998 (graduate school).
20+ years. Low attendance at sessions limits my participation.
2-5
4
11 Somethimes financial constraints.
5
I first joined in 2005 as a grad student. Great setting to learn how to present papers. Difficult to justify the additional costs when competing schedule with ASA. I attend when friends/colleagues I know are involved OR when I am presenting at SSSP..
3-5, trying to afford several different associations at the same time
11-20
9
10
7 (cost of membership)

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	3.61
Variance	3.97
Standard Deviation	1.99
Total Responses	356

2. What is your SSSP membership category?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Departmental	<div></div>	11	3%
2	First Time Professional	<div></div>	26	7%
3	Professional	<div></div>	178	50%
4	Retired	<div></div>	20	6%
5	Student	<div></div>	107	30%
6	Sustaining	<div></div>	13	4%
7	Unemployed	<div></div>	1	0%
	Total		356	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Mean	3.64
Variance	1.42
Standard Deviation	1.19
Total Responses	356

3. What is your primary employment type or affiliation?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Undergraduate Student	<div></div>	2	1%
2	Graduate Student – Master	<div></div>	12	3%
3	Graduate Student – Ph.D.	<div></div>	86	24%
4	Post-Doc or Non-Tenured Academic Researcher	<div></div>	12	3%
5	Adjunct Professor	<div></div>	9	3%
6	Academic Faculty (E.g., Assistant, Associate, Full Professor)	<div></div>	172	49%
8	Retired Academic Faculty	<div></div>	19	5%
9	Government Research	<div></div>	2	1%
10	Government Non-Research	<div></div>	0	0%
11	Nonprofit Organization or Research Center	<div></div>	11	3%
12	Private Sector	<div></div>	0	0%
13	Retired from Non-Academic Position	<div></div>	2	1%
14	Other (please specify)	<div></div>	10	3%
7	Academic Administration (E.g., President, Provost, Dean, Associate Dean, Department Head)	<div></div>	16	5%
	Total		353	

Other (please specify)
Practice
Visiting Associate Professor
Lecturer
I do a sociopolitical review, but I don't found work in sociology. I work part time in a small job
emeritus Prof; adjunct
Retired from teaching only
ABD PhD student and tenure-track instructor
Retired Research Associate with only minimal teaching, primarily academic administration
Independent Scholar

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	14
Mean	5.60
Variance	6.08
Standard Deviation	2.47
Total Responses	353

4. Please check the division(s) to which you belong.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Community Research and Development	<div></div>	36	10%
2	Conflict, Social Action, and Change	<div></div>	49	14%
3	Crime and Juvenile Delinquency	<div></div>	49	14%
4	Disabilities	<div></div>	15	4%
5	Drinking and Drugs	<div></div>	23	7%
6	Educational Problems	<div></div>	20	6%
7	Environment and Technology	<div></div>	22	6%
8	Family	<div></div>	19	5%
9	Global	<div></div>	22	6%
10	Health, Health Policy, and Health Services	<div></div>	34	10%
11	Institutional Ethnography	<div></div>	23	7%
12	Labor Studies	<div></div>	33	10%
13	Law and Society	<div></div>	30	9%
14	Poverty, Class, and Inequality	<div></div>	70	20%
15	Racial and Ethnic Minorities	<div></div>	76	22%
16	Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities	<div></div>	37	11%
17	Social Problems Theory	<div></div>	39	11%
18	Society and Mental Health	<div></div>	22	6%
19	Sociology and Social Welfare	<div></div>	19	5%
20	Sport, Leisure, and the Body	<div></div>	10	3%
21	Teaching Social Problems	<div></div>	28	8%
22	Youth, Aging, and the Life Course	<div></div>	16	5%
23	Don't recall	<div></div>	41	12%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	23
Total Responses	347

5. Please indicate to what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied in general with the SSSP?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Very Dissatisfied	<div></div>	2	1%
2	Dissatisfied	<div></div>	9	3%
3	Neutral	<div></div>	71	21%
4	Satisfied	<div></div>	171	50%
5	Very Satisfied	<div></div>	88	26%
	Total		341	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.98
Variance	0.63
Standard Deviation	0.79
Total Responses	341

6. You said that you are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with SSSP in general.
Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Response	
Drifting from its social justice roots, it is becoming a second rate version of ASA, which I choose not to join. Soon it will become moribund and I will look to regional and specialized meetings to get the kind of interactions.	
sections don't do much to connect teaching and activism or in any other way serve to complement rather than duplicate ASA. Most of what SSSP does seems to be publish SP and give awards.	
Twice I have proposed sessions which were cancelled within weeks of the conference, due to lack of attendance. In the past, I have also presented to empty rooms. I cannot attend a confernece and be reimbursed by my institution if my name is removed from the the program due to lack of attendance/participation, and I do not want to present to an empty room...so I understand the challenge faced by conference organizers, but am not sure that I want to put myself in that situation again.	
it is hard to participate in both ASA and SSSP - the cost is prohibitive but for my department I need to go to ASA. I a not sure there is much SSSP can do.	
It doesn't seem to have a real sense of community, and things seem very mechanical.	
American focus. You forget you have international members	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

7. You said that you are very satisfied or satisfied with SSSP in general. Please tell us why you are satisfied.

Text Response
Everybody was very welcoming and it was great that SSSP encouraged graduate students to participate in everything!
the annual meetings are very productive
Very good journal; Good scholarship by members; well run organization.
I think SSSP is a fantastic organization. The only thing that I am a little dissatisfied with was the attendance at this years convention. In the session that I presented in the only attendees were the presenters.
The efficient organization, the great networking, the wonderful camaraderie, the focus on social justice concerns as well as on academic issues.
I have not been a member long, so I am not as familiar with the inner workings of SSSP, but I have not had any issues to be unsatisfied about.
Very open. welcoming, and democratically run. Great to have alternative of smaller and lower key sessions. Michelle and staff are fabulous!
We need more journals.
Communication with members is good.
SSSP has been informative and works to connect the community
The conference is well planned, right sized and informative
Well run, good issues
Welcoming group of people
I enjoy attending the conferences and reading the news letters and journals. I find them interesting and informative.
Committed. Friendly. Uncompromised.
There has been more online presence and social problems journal has a new set of editors who are working really hard
Not really sure what I would want more than is being offered, but not particularly that involved as well.
Excellent mentorship within disabilities division.
I feel that SSSP is well organized and a very collegial conference to attend. It is was also a good "introduction" for me when I started attending and presenting at conferences.
I like the level of networking at the conference. I think organization does an exceptional job of outreach/professional socialization from graduate students.
I feel there is support for a range of involvement, though I wish I would see more faculty presentations- shift is being seen in primarily grad student papers.
I like the vision and values of our organization and I enjoy meeting other activist scholars
very responsive to e-messages
The SSSP is a progressive organization.
I feel as though my research is strongly supported by my colleagues attending SSSP. I also feel as though SSSP attempts to provide support for graduate research.
Welcoming section and organization!
The organization does seem to go to a lot to be inclusive. I value the emphasis on social justice that is lacking in other areas of academia.
It is my intellectual home
Friendly, and discussions are good
I think the organization has a great mission and is always welcoming of researchers and practitioners.
I have enjoyed meeting people and think the goals of SSSP are good but am interested to see more public sociology or applied work happening among members.
Good people. Well organized.
The wide range of topics addressed.
The annual conference represents an opportunity to engage with people interested in the same sort of scholarship that interests me. Publications and newsletters are of high quality.
I like the journal.
the social justice activism connection.
Great organization, supportive and progressive network of scholars and activists
Overall, I am satisfied with the SSSP in general. The annual meetings are quite good, though the overall attendance figures can really shape the experience of the meeting. The organization appears in-touch with member and division needs.
I appreciate and respect SOCIAL PROBLEMS and the meetings and divisions.
serves well to incorporate newer entrants to field and foster attention to solving social problems
As a smaller professional society, I am impressed with the intimacy and collegiality in comparison with the ASA. I will continue my membership.
Your more progressive than other associations such as ASA, PSA....
The senior faculty with whom I have interacted have all been genuinely invested in the organization's mission and evidence this in part through their eagerness to mentor junior scholars like myself. The atmosphere at the annual meeting is highly collegial and the research is always on the cutting edge and relevant.
I think SSSP serves a lot of purposes - the journal is great, but I have been less impressed with the conference lately.
Well-run organization; good mission; good scholarly affiliation for my areas of specialization
I love SSSP, but I wish sessions were better attended and that fewer people canceled.
I always rave about SSSP to other graduate students in all disciplines. I find the annual conference to be welcoming, fun, rigorous, and interesting.
It's a nice conference, very friendly people. I would have liked to be more involved but there are just too many things to do already.
SSSP is one of the few organizations where scholars with a social action orientation can congregate and network.

I beleive the Society provides and important function, and I find my interaction with colleagues from SSSP to be interesting and stimulating. Fun, too.
I really love the values and people of SSSP. Hector and Michele and staff are great. SSSP has a good heart. J
Divisions meet the needs of students and academics.
well-organized association, things seem to be running smoothly
I find the community associated with my section to be personally useful and fulfilling.
I enjoy the membership newsletters.
The meetings are of high quality.
It's an intellectual and political home.
I find the annual conferences very important to ongoing work in my area. Although retired, I am active in research, supervising and mentoring students, and publishing research-related papers and books.
I really appreciate the public sociology approach to societal issues.
I enjoy the connectivity of the organization very much.
I've only been amember for a very short time but I've read the journal often when I've had the luxury of being a registered student. It's one of the most engaging journals that I read and while I don't agree with all the writers, I always finish the article having been challenged and thinking about the issue. I haven't been a member long enough to establish if membership is what I expected but I am really enjoying everything that I have received so far. It is different - mostly because you have managed to avoid the corporate speak and the blandness that has characterised social science for a while now. I get the impression that SSSP is a bit edgy and a bit anarchic
I like that they promote social justice and that they hold an annual conference related to that topic.
member driven and history of good ex officers
I value the mission of the organization.
Although it has been a long time since I've been to a conference, I am satisified with SSSP. It was always very well run, and I enjoyed interacting with the members and staff.
Compared to ASA, the meetings are far superior as a way to learn "what's in the pipeline."
Generally pleasant colleagues and annual meetings. Big plus that it is not the ASA, to which the SSSP is at present the only alternative.
It's a great place for networking and assisting grad students as they progress through their careers.
I mainly join to receive Social Problems, so it's a good deal in my opinion.
SSSP offers great opportunities for students to get involved as organizers, receive helpful feedback on works in progress, and network with people in our areas.
Mentor program. The staff are very responsive.
provides a smaller organization of friendly people
High quality journal, active meetings.
Networking; support; colleagues
The content of the papers and the focus of the meetings are excellent. The staff are very friendly and helpful.
It is easy to become involved in SSSP! Lots of room for member innovation. Annual meetings are more down to earth than ASA, easier to network, and social justice focused.
From my experience I think that SSSP members are very active in their areas and have a passion about making a difference. It was very refreshing to attend previous year's conference in New York where I heard some great work being done.
Believe strongly in the mission of scholarship in pursuit of social justice. Also, appreciate the many opportunities to become involved in the SSSP.
SSSP is, and has been, my intellectual home during my entire career.
The group is interested in social progress, publishes a quality journal, has a good annual conference, and attracts like-minded people.
Terrific meetings. Wonderful administrative staff.
The SSSP informs its members closely about any developments or changes within the society.
I appreciate the communication from section leaders on a regular basis.
Great reading.
topics, relevance, commitment
Progressive slant
The meetings and meeting with colleagues during the conference are important in sustaining my research. Opportunity to meet new colleagues in the field.
Kept informed Participate in students scholarship awards selection
I like that SSSP is an interdisciplinary organization that covers an wide range of social issues. I find it intellectually stimulating and academically informative.
The Society takes a stand on certaiin important issues affecting our society.
It'a link with the applied sociology I like!
It matches my interest in activist sociology
Good people, good (intellectual) enviornment.
I think it is an interesting community that discusses important issues. I like that so much of the scholarship is activist, and that there are non-scholars also involved. I think it could benefit from somewhat better organization though.
I feel the organization could be more attentive to international research/scholars
I stay in touch with the discipline this way.
Focus on social justice and action, sense of community that SSSP provides, networking opportunities.
Good organization; great journal.
The mission is extremely important and the organization is very well run by serious professionals - a great combination. Michele Koontz is simply phenomenal - responds quickly with accurate advice and is unfailingly pleasant. SSSP's size (smaller than ASA) makes it easier to interact with other scholars, share ideas, get better feedback on work, etc. The mentoring program is a very good, too. I do see some weak presentations at the annual meetings and have mixed feelings about that. I appreciate the aim to be inclusive and to encourage graduate students (it helped me a lot), but some of the weak work is not by students! Perhaps the SSSP can consider some ways to hold faculty and

professionals to higher standards, to set a better example for student members.

Although this was my first year attending SSSP, I felt very comfortable. Senior Scholars are very approachable, the sessions were very informative,

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Statistic	Value
Total Responses	180

8. Please indicate to what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied with your SSSP membership benefits.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Very Dissatisfied		1	0%
2	Dissatisfied		6	2%
3	Neutral		119	36%
4	Satisfied		151	45%
5	Very Satisfied		55	17%
	Total		332	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.76
Variance	0.57
Standard Deviation	0.75
Total Responses	332

9. You said that you are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with your SSSP membership benefits. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Response
Unaware of any benefits (which might be a problem of information, or problem of benefits)
not sure what the benefits are
This year I wanted to join the Annual Meeting. I did not have support to have the visa to travel to San Francisco. I think that the SSSP should have done the best for that.
Are there any benefits at all?
I don't hear from sssp often and therefore feel distant from the organization.
What benefits?

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

10. You said that you are very satisfied or satisfied with your SSSP membership benefits. Please tell us why you are satisfied.

Text Response
annual meetings are good
Journal subscription is primary benefit. It is a good journal.
Membership in the divisions. Membership in a top sociological association.
I received an email from Environment and Technology section, so communication is good.
Like getting Social Problems and news updates.
Again, more journals, better conference.
Not entirely sure what the benefits are, so I guess I'm satisfied with them.
SSSP offers a community of like-minded sociologists and a subscription to Social Problems.
Membership certainly provides space for collaborative and other productive interaction.
The newsletters and the journal.
Not sure what they all are... subscription to Social Problems?
Useful networking and I appreciate the cost that makes it feasible to attend conferences.
I like getting Social Problems with my membership. I like the electronic newsletters from the Society and the Divisions
It doesn't cost a lot so I don't expect a lot.
See previous answer.
Social Problems journal.
welcoming!
Met all my needs.
Why wouldn't I be?
For what I see as reasonably priced membership fees, the benefits are generous - specifically, newsletters and the journal.
so far I have no complaints but feel a bit uneducated on all the benefits available.
SSSP provides roughly what other organizations of its type and size offer.
good meeting and good resolutions
Love the journal!
I enjoy receiving a paper copy of Social Problems. I would like the membership costs to extra divisions to be lower, however.
SOCIAL PROBLEMS and the divisions.
I appreciate the annual meetings, journal (very high quality), and opportunities to participate. I have been able to serve in several ways, even though a relatively new member.
I'm new to the organization and await use of benefits. I feel your lifetime membership is way to expensive. I would like to become a lifetime member and so would others, but the high costs makes that impossible for many within the organization.
I enjoy my subscription to SOCIAL PROBLEMS. I also used to read the SSSP Newsletter and am a bit disappointed that no longer exists. The conferences and hotels seem to be generally good.
I like the journal, but I am not sure what other benefits I get.
Social Problems is a top journal and SSSP has lots of opportunities to connect with peers interested in social justice issues.
The journal is first-rate, the support from the Administrative Office is the best, and the conference is well organized and run. Go Michele!
I like the website and the people and meetings
Access to the society's journal Social Problems is a great resource.
The focus on helping graduate students in terms of mentorship is great!
The SSSP journal presents a forum for important social problems by researchers involved via a variety of disciplines and research perspectives, including social action research. Due to the breadth of research covered. topics that engage social agents in collaboration with researchers cover issues often ignored, such as ethics in the field, collaborative production of scholarly research, and the depiction of social events from both a historical (narrative) and institutional (legal systems, for example) framework.
I love having access to the journals.
I don't have much to complain about.
I have a "life membership," and I'm satisfied with that.
Opportunities for interaction face-the-face.
I appreciate the benefits of receiving communications from my Division, and for the perks that come in attending the annual meeting (discounted hotel rates, division reception, opportunities to get involved with the organization).
As I stated in the previous table, I mainly join to receive Social Problems, and that's a great deal in my opinion.
Subscription to the journal social problem.
I enjoy and use the journal.
Journal
To be honest, I haven't used a wide array of benefits available, however I was happy to have been selected to volunteer at this year's conference (which I had to cancel due to monetary restrictions). I feel that membership provides a multitude of opportunities and I could only say that I will try to be much more responsive to them in the future.
Relative to other organizations that cost much more, we receive the journal, have an excellent website, great Administrative Office staff, and opportunities to serve the Society.
The journal is very good.

This is a member-driven organization so we get what we deserve.
No comments here.
I am generally a happy person.
Nothing to complain about except how much it costs to be a member
Free membership for retired faculty
For the link, but I hope a special for small worker as me. It's not unemployment, but, it's not far: a day/week.
They meet my needs
I read material of interest.
Access to others in the organization, access to Social Problems journal.
Because I get the journal.
I like that I get division news to keep me informed about what is going on in these sociological subfields. One has a great Facebook page that does the same.
I don't have any problems
Journal and conference attendance.
Given the cost of being a member of most organizations, the fee seems inline with the journal, newsletter, and resource options available.
Good annual conferences
I'm not in it for the benefits per se.
I enjoy receiving the journal as the articles are quite relevant to my work.
Seems good to me
I like the journal but I feel that it has tipped to far in the quantitative direction in recent years.
I think SSSP is overall a good organization with great opportunities to help me develop as a scholar, networking and friendship building.
I am not extremely involved, but I like to see what's going on. So it's enough for me.
Not a member for benefits so I am satisfied
Although I have been a member of SSSP for a number of years, the 2014 meeting was the first SSSP conf that I attended (and presented). I encountered and participated a number of engaging discussions; all of which were respectful, supportive, and constructive.
We host several events with free food and/or drinks which can help offset the cost of meetings, and the diversity of sessions allows me to stay current in my field. During the year, the journal is provided to me with a click of me finger (a real convenience). The journal continues to be a useful tool professionally. Finally, an intrinsic membership benefit is the sense of community I feel with a lot of my fellow members.
I like the conference rates for staying at the conference hotels.
Award and contact opportunities
I am part of the mentor-mentee program and I find that to be unique and helpful.
As a retiree my needs are limited but I do look forward to annual meetings and the chance to hear about new work in my areas of interest.
I enjoy receiving e-mails and updates from SSSP.
Because my needs are most always met and addressed.
I really appreciate the mission of the SSSP and I felt that my interaction with longtime and current members were very positive.
To an extent, it meets my academic interests.
Good publications
Because I always have a great and intellectually stimulating time at the conferences.
Nothing specific here. I like the journals, newsletters..
The professional development opportunities are an excellent benefit! How helpful and efficient to be able to participate in the mentorship program, and to be part of the SSSP listserv.
Everything seems as-advertised.
I enjoy the discussions and the journal - Social Problems.
SSSP meets all my expectations and provides excellent services, including the employment website, which has been very useful to me as a department head.
I am not sure what all of the benefits are, except attending an inclusive conference.
I'm satisfied that SSSP supports my ongoing contact with social justice problems, etc.
Il don't know if my opinion is enough qualified. I have joined to SSSP three weeks ago. I am satisfied for now.
The journal is is top notch.
I enjoy the connectedness afforded by the membership.
My only regret, really, is that it is difficult for me to participate in the annual meetings of both SSSP and ASA (I know lots of people manage, but our travel budget is limited). A few times you have offered a one-day conferencer registration which I have taken advantage of when there were sessions I really wanted to see.hear.
Affordable and flexible
positive network
N/A
I like the journals and free section memberships (wait, we still have those don't we? maybe they have been reduced)
I always find the annual meetings beneficial and pleasant.
Great access to different sections and papre opportunities.
They are sufficient.

This table has more than 100 rows. [Click here to view all responses](#)

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	108

11. Are you likely to renew your membership for next year?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	No (please specify reason)	<div></div>	28	8%
2	Yes	<div></div>	313	92%
	Total		341	

No (please specify reason)
not sure yet
difficulty managing several professional memberships during the same year
Need to scale back on professional memberships now that I no longer qualify for student rates
no longer on social problems ed board
Unless a specific reason emerges to go to the expense of traveling, registering, etc., I see little if any reason to renew. In the past Social Problems was an attractive journal , worth the cost. Now it looks like ASR and is, well, insignificant.
Not sure - I don't do much that is related to SSSP now
membership fee
sustaining
I am a life member, so there is no need to renew.
No benefit to being a member
Tooexpensive
I like to continue but do have no credit card to pay membership
Too expensive and not enough in my file of expertise
Sections don't fit my specialization, don't feel like I can expect critical/rigorous feedback from interactions/presentations.
unsure - no longer in sociology
I will be graduating and there are new financial considerations.
See previous comments.
Our budgets are down for assistance in fees. I am also torn, since I really enjoy participants, but panels are thinly attended (often, not always)
I am broke.
not much engagement with the SSSP
cost
Costs of memberships in general, and I have been unable to attend the conferences
Won't be presenting next year
Cost. My employer won't pay for memberships.

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.92
Variance	0.08
Standard Deviation	0.27
Total Responses	341

12. Are you likely to recommend the SSSP to others?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	No (please specify reason)		37	11%
2	Yes		299	89%
	Total		336	

No (please specify reason)
I don't really see membership benefits beyond the journal, if you don't go to the conference...
Their call; not mine.
Join for the purposes of the conference
Wouldn't not recommend, but have no reason to recommend
Most of my colleagues are aware of SSSP and need no recommendation. Most of my students cannot afford to attend meetings.
Will just let them know about SSSP, don't want the responsibility of having encouraged membership (other than to grad students).
Lack of professional contacts; I am stuck at a community college where there is very little support for even our state or regional organizations
Everyone I know is already a member
I am housebound and don't meet any academics.I have a blog where I have discussed SSSP in positive terms: http://socialconstr.wordpress.com
I would recommend the conference, which obviously would require SSSP membership. But I wouldn't make other recommendations to join SSSP, mostly because I'm not sure if the organization really does anything beyond the conference.
i am a distance learner working in a non academic job. My colleagues already think that I am a bit mad when I talk about ideas! I will however be sneaking what I've learned into the tea breaks
Unless they are grad students looking for a low stress opportunity to present
don't know anyone to recommend
Why should I recommend SSSP to anyone (or not recommend for that matter)?
Everyone I know is already a member
Everyone I work with belongs to SSSP
Not sure
Not sure. For graduate students yes--for colleagues who are activists etc--less likely
Depend
Too much stress on a value postion although it's not a social movement organization.
The organization does not seem as central as it did when I was a graduate student & beginning faculty member.
Needs to be more creative
not in contact iwth many persons who have similiar interests.
Have little to say except you seem to be on the electronic ball (this survey for ex.).
Membership fees
Being UK based I feel that the benefits to non-US scholars are limited given prohibitive costs of attending the conference. While journal and division information suits me the lack of participatory opportunities for non-US residents would likely frustrate many of my colleagues.
Hard to ask people to join additional organizations and SSSP meetings are rather low attendance.

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.89
Variance	0.10
Standard Deviation	0.31
Total Responses	336

13. Please indicate to what extent each item below is important or unimportant to you with 1 being Not at All Important and 5 being Very Important.

#	Question	Not at All Important (1)	(2)	Neutral (3)	(4)	Very Important (5)	Total Responses	Mean
1	Awards and scholarship opportunities	34	19	72	103	102	330	3.67
2	Engaging in social justice research and action	10	9	29	95	186	329	4.33
3	Interacting with a network of peers	4	1	28	117	178	328	4.41
4	Participating in the divisions	14	11	95	133	75	328	3.74
5	Participating in the annual meeting	13	18	62	126	110	329	3.92
7	Receiving the journal	13	21	75	123	95	327	3.81
8	Receiving mentoring in field of interest	56	40	76	82	68	322	3.20
9	Volunteering for a committee or elected position	32	42	109	100	43	326	3.25
10	Other(s) (please specify)	5	1	19	3	10	38	3.32
11	Professional opportunities	15	18	88	105	102	328	3.80

Other(s) (please specify)
learning about social justice funding opportunities
Research Collaboration and Publicization
My university subs to SP
the focus on justice and interdisciplinary potential
opportunities for my colleagues (and myself) to publish in SSSP-sponsored journal
seeing what goes on in a thriving social science community
mentor program
exposure to passionate and accomplished people in my area of interest
Being able to mentor younger scholars
Organization
Opportunities for organized socializing
fun parties
Media representation

Statistic	Awards and scholarship opportunities	Engaging in social justice research and action	Interacting with a network of peers	Participating in the divisions	Participating in the annual meeting	Receiving the journal	Receiving mentoring in field of interest	Volunteering for a committee or elected position	Other(s) (please specify)	Professional opportunities
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.67	4.33	4.41	3.74	3.92	3.81	3.20	3.25	3.32	3.80
Variance	1.58	0.93	0.58	0.97	1.09	1.10	1.88	1.30	2.27	1.17
Standard Deviation	1.26	0.96	0.76	0.99	1.05	1.05	1.37	1.14	1.51	1.08
Total Responses	330	329	328	328	329	327	322	326	41	328

14. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following items.

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	SSSP effectively engages in social justice research and action	5	13	78	150	67	313	3.83
2	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to interact with peers	2	12	68	144	89	315	3.97
3	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to participate in divisions	1	13	72	124	105	315	4.01
4	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to participate in sessions at annual meeting	1	5	56	124	128	314	4.19
5	SSSP provides adequate awards and scholarship opportunities	2	21	114	118	57	312	3.66
6	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues with other members	4	13	87	130	78	312	3.85
7	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to give the Administrative Office and Officers feedback on the operation of the organization	5	16	109	102	80	312	3.76
8	SSSP provides adequate professional opportunities	0	25	136	106	45	312	3.55
9	SSSP's journal, Social Problems, is a high quality publication	2	7	29	118	160	316	4.35
10	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to receive mentoring in field of interest	6	32	164	71	41	314	3.35
11	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to volunteer for a committee or elected position	1	19	93	116	85	314	3.84

Statistic	SSSP effectively engages in social justice research and action	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to interact with peers	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to participate in divisions	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to participate in sessions at annual meeting	SSSP provides adequate awards and scholarship opportunities	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues with other members	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to give the Administrative Office and Officers feedback on the operation of the organization	SSSP provides adequate professional opportunities	SSSP's journal, Social Problems, is a high quality publication	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to receive mentoring in field of interest	SSSP provides adequate opportunities to volunteer for a committee or elected position
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.83	3.97	4.01	4.19	3.66	3.85	3.76	3.55	4.35	3.35	3.84
Variance	0.75	0.71	0.76	0.65	0.76	0.79	0.90	0.70	0.62	0.81	0.82
Standard Deviation	0.86	0.84	0.87	0.80	0.87	0.89	0.95	0.84	0.79	0.90	0.90
Total Responses	313	315	315	314	312	312	312	312	316	314	314

15. You said that SSSP does not effectively engage in social justice research and action. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
No idea, not sure a professional organization can do research.... perhaps better public sociology with the journal	
One of the primary problems is a lack of scholarly rigor with regards to meeting presentation, discourse, and public interaction. We want to engage the public - but are not doing so in a way that highlights scholarship and evidence. We should take advantage of our strengths - intellectual production and creativity.	
The information regarding SSSP's efforts is unclear. SSSP seems good at the research but ineffective at the action.	
SSSP could serve as "leadng BROKER, instigator, & organizer" for well conceived nation-wide research project by faculty in, say 8 geographically well distributed, top-20 sociology departments within R-1 universities. Such a project to be funded jointly by NSF, NIMH, National Res Council, Soc Sci Res Council, Russell Sage Foundation, Ford Foundation, R Johnson Foundation, etc. Divisions within SSSP could debate extensively and come to consensus on a selected nation-wide social problem that has both practical and theoretical implications. Hence, Division on social problems theory might start to kick the ball and other Divisions could subsequently join in for practical aspects. Thereafter, STAFF could make itself useful by visiting selected sociology departments and foundations to "sell" the idea. Difficulty is that SSSP (its staff and members) are still caught up in "individual & small" thinking. What is needed is "collective&large" thinking. Focus on what is a major national social problem, address it theoretically and develop research to provide pertinent data!hi is still c	
I have nothing specific to suggest. I am not sure that SSSP as a professional organization can also do focused activism	
At each annual meeting, a more active engagement with social justice organizations in that city, a program that highlights action research	
Perhaps it's the lack of a organization-wide newsletter. But I am unaware of any recent social justice research/action conducted by the SSSP, or any opportunities to participate in such research as a member of the organization.	
I think it could be worth entertaining the idea of having regional SSSP chapters in which social justice activities could identified based on region	
I do not find such engagement a task of the SSSP, but should be left to its members.	
if I knew, I'd do it. SWS seems better at it.	
Define social justice research and action.	
1. Social Problems needs issues that emphasize social justice and action and not try to compete with AJS or ARS. It provides an important voice for a tradition in sociology of publically engaged scholarship. That said, it feels as if the editorial direction has moved increasingly towards a mainstream professionally driven set of themes. There is a need to establish professional criteria for diverse forms of community-based research and action by sociologists.	
Individually, yes, and through the EO, yes. HOWEVER, I don't see groups of scholars using SSSP working together in order to engage in social justice research and action. Efforts seem a bit fragmented.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	13

16. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to interact with peers. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response

Make opportunities more visible and in addition to Annual Meetings.

perhaps short learning exchanges mini-MOOCs that could be offered virtually

There are only limited opportunities to meet

too many concurrent sessions when one can't interact very much and the few social activities are very large except for division parties.

Here are some ideas: Perhaps the organization could think of an alternative to the ASA's contexts, where members could write articles about social justice research/action? Maybe section presidents could be given assistance to strike up conversations and research/action projects with their section members? Outside of the conference, I'm not sure what kinds of opportunities exist to interact with peers. Maybe the organization could do a better job of communicating about opportunities?

It is my understanding that the SSSP president harshly criticized a fellow academic when he did not know the full story. I am referring to the Joanne Belknap case in which Hector Delgado (who has always been supportive and nice to me) assumed that the Patti Adler situation, as put forward by Adler, is valid. It is not. I am familiar with this case and Adler's problem was not repression of academic freedom as she stated. The suggestion for improvement: SSSP officers need to have the full story before berating a victim (Belknap, in this case) and supporting an academic offender.

special purpose meeting off schedule? Be a home for all or many of the day-before an day-after conferences (and support them) instead of competing with ASA for the most stuffed hours

There are not opportunities other than paper panels(which can be hit or miss) Maybe more topics panels such as working on homeless reserch, university-community resarch partnerships on social justice research etc etc

I think SSSP could create an interactive system between the peers

Have peer interaction sesssions

something more than one annual meeting - can be a virtual thing, but maybe for sections or other interests like jobs

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

17. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to participate in divisions. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Need more outside of an hour at the annual meeting and asked to submit to newsletters.	
the best way to participate in the divisions are to attend the division meetings, but half are at the same time. divide them up into groups of 4 at least.	
This year my session was scheduled during division meetings. I'd like to get more involved but it's difficult when I cannot attend division meetings.	
Make opportunities more visible.	
Divisions are not really all that developed, and don't necessarily need to be	
Division organization is very weak and ineffective	
The only participation that I have seen is in the area of being an elected representative. If other info. went out it gets BURIED in the listserv - Hate that	
I need more explanations on the divisions and language facilitation (I write in French, the translation into English take time to be realized)	
As above	
Lower the cost! The Monday sessions were not affordable for those of us already spending so much money coming to San Fran and registering for the regular conference/s.	
I had an experience this year in which I went to a division meeting and, at that meeting, volunteered to organize a session for next year's meeting. Later, I received an email from the division chair saying that someone else would be organizing the session. Perhaps more transparent procedures around how sessions are organized, and set agendas for division meetings, would help.	
Make sure the program committee treats all members with dignity and respect making it possible for them to participate in the division of their choice. Protect program proposals submitted by people not in the in-group click from being handed over to others who develop related sessions at ASA. .	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	12

18. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to participate in sessions at annual meeting. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Division meetings and paper sessions should not overlap on the schedule	
I think SSSP should offer more regular sessions - I don't really think the "critical sessions" really make sense (at mine, only 3 presenters out of an original 8 or so actually showed up, so it was basically a regular session anyway, minus the status/prestige of a regular session)	
I mentioned earlier - my sessions were cancelled with little notice. Also, the timing that competes with ASA makes it very difficult to attend both conferences.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

19. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate awards and scholarship opportunities. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Provide a database for members	
There are no dissertation or research scholarships provided to those who are not US citizens. Even the schoalrships given to minorities do not include non-US citizens and thus exclude international students. This is disturbing considering that many great research is done by international students concerned with global inequality and they are not supported by most organizations even and including SSSP!!!	
SSSP staff in collaborative combination with faculty from several geographically dispersed major research departments could organize themselves to visit funding sources (foundations and government, private and public, national and local) to obtain funds for graduate students to participate in a national research project.	
I was not aware of any scholarship opportunities.	
I think there should be more scholarship opportunities but realize this may be limited by funding, etc. Like to see more funding for this and less for administrative costs.	
SSSP seems to have changed the student paper award rules recently, such that you have to submit a paper to the conference itself to be eligible. I don't think that's helpful for students, especially those who may have already presented at another conference and thus aren't eligible to present again at the SSSP conference.	
There is little funding for graduate students, and the amount is very small--not enough to support one year of research	
Not aware of opportunities, how are they communicated? Are there many?	
I'll admit that it may be an issue of awareness. I find it hard to say what opportunities exist, and so cannot say whether they are adequate.	
Most graduate students do not have the income to attend an SSSP meeting, but also do not receive enough from your affiliated university to pay for attendance either. More scholarships for conferences would be beneficial, as conferences are great places to interact, network, etc.	
I haven't seen announcements for many award or scholarship opportunities during my membership	
Provide more scholarship opportunities	
The ficus is too much on students or professionals in academic programmes	
Do not allow members of the awards committees to close nominations without consultation with all member of the committee. No award should be given to the only person nominated by a member of the committee . If after a second call no one else is nominated, the award should be postponed that year as is the procedure in other organizations.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	14

20. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogues with other members. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response
convene dialogues sessions -- could be virtual
It would be nice to use social media to address problems that exist in society. A monthly topic would be nice.
Sadly, it seems like the some key leaders are very "insulated" from member opinions and views -- very cliquish...
more social opportunities that are not so expensive. The banquet is great but it is very expensive to buy a banquet ticket.
See above comment. I like SSSP a lot and think it is a marvelous organization. I was and am very disappointed by Delgado's statement supporting Adler and berating Belknap. This is not merely a personal matter, It is a matter of extreme academic and intellectual importance.
as with the previous, reaching out and sponsoring pre- and post-ASA daylong conferences with very specific themes (and maybe even working to cosponsor them with ASA sections or with ABS or SWS) would be a better use of money than a large and half empty conference competing with ASA and offering nothing distinctive.
creation of direct interactive system between the members from around the world
See below
Same people tend to control conversation
Increased opportunities for networking for non-US based scholars

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	10

21. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to give the Administrative Office and Officers feedback on the operation of the organization. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Over many years, my impression has been that Admin Office&Officers are extremely caught up in "routine" that effectively BLOCKs sugestions from members as an annoyance or, indeed, as an intrusion on their turf. Similarly, most members (especially aspiring young ones) seem FEARFUL of offending SSSP STAFF. Hence, as a precaution to safeguarding their own aspirations, they kiss up to staff. Evidently, neither the kissers nor the kissed realize that syndrome is NEGATIVE for all concerned. That syndrom ultimately leads to a dying or dead organziation!.	
A tight, rather elite group has captured the leadership of SSSP and one has to feel these people are active as a function of their careers, not as activists in noble causes.	
As a member of a few months I haven't seen anything.	
I don't know how to give feedback exept for this survey, which I am completing	
Se above comments. The staff with whom I speak have always been very nice. I felt, though, that I could not state the facts of the case mentioned above because SSSP had already made up its mind without knowing the true facts.	
Better attending to the financial needs of participants	
This doesn't seem to be a priority at the annual meetings.	
More transparent communication and more collective decision-making	
haven't thought enough to advise.	
Sessions at meetings on this topic.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	10

22. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate professional opportunities.
Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Was not aware that they provided any professional oppertunitites.	
SSSP membership and meetings are very limited compared to the wider networks in ASA.	
I don't know about pfessional opportunities or where to find them	
I'm unaware what opportunities might exist, other than running for section leadership or involvement in conference planning.	
I don't see any actual support for any endeavors other than the conference (a waste) and the journal and awards. If there were a way to connect with more applied professionals in my field, I'd be interested.	
Sponsor more activities outside of the annual conference structure such as research, etc.	
I have not received many emails about mentoring, writing workshops, etc.	
I receive no newsletters or notifications of job postings, or voluntary/activist positions or opportunities, except for committee appointments.	
Share vacation to all members from where they are, so they can apply to start or enrich their professional career	
I'm retired, does matter anymore.	
I don't know.	
Job-related information is provided through divisions and newsletters but again, non-US based scholars seem excluded	
It would be useful to have an interactive database of people and their interests, to promote collaborations and help people to leverage resources.	
Develop a code of ethics re the provision of adequalte professional opportunities to all members including those who teach the poor rather than the rich. and who have heavy teaching loads who are not always in the loop re professional opportunities made known to others who dot have 4 course teaching loads pre semester..	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	14

23. You said the journal, Social Problems, is not a high quality publication. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
it never seems to have articles by scholar activists about their activism... that doesn't seem to align with what the organization says at the conference.	
Return to what worked in the past. SP was on the cutting edge of issues such as addictions, domestic violence, crime waves, etc. Just look at the articles published in SP that are now considered classics. The sort of material published over the past 6 or 7 years is irrelevant and appealing only to a small number of SSSP members. The publication committee is/was out of touch.	
I find I never cite Social Problems papers; I rarely find papers of relevance to my own areas; I've given up trying to publish in SP as the norms seem different from other journals such as JHSP or Soc and Mental Health	
Social Problems is the worst journal in all of sociology. It is a shameful duplicate of the ASR, AJS and other such general sociology stuff. SP is simply not what it is meant to be and not what it indeed once was. The journal needs to be abolished or radically transformed to be of service to SSSP members and their interests.	
The last several years the journal has primarily reflected the research interests of the editor, making it a narrow and boring journal.	
It has become TOO social justice focused with not enough attention to quality empirical research.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

24. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to receive mentoring in field of interest. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response
There is an opportunity for new members to connect with mentors, but no formal mentoring program set up for experience members (recent PhDs, tenure track profs, etc.)
I don't even know that one can receive mentoring in field of interest
I signed up for the meeting mentor program twice as a grad student (2010 and 2011). Once I was stoop up by my mentor - she never showed up or rescheduled our meeting. The second time I was pared with a woman who was very negative about my research interests and job prospects. In fact she told me that I had no buiness applying to jobs because I wasn't "ready". Overall, my meeting with here was not pleasant and she could not offer me an helpful feedback or mentoring. I think this is mostly related to the fact that she was not connected to my area of research.
Was not aware of any.
I have not been contact with a possible mentor.
I am not interested so probably hit a lower number on the liert scale.
I am unaware of any mentoring programs.
I don't know of any mentoring opportunities. If they are there, then they can be publicized more.
more sessions, more discussion, more topics on sociological (social problems) theory
Perhaps it does, however, I am not aware of these opportunities and would be very interested in receiving mentoring.
I was a member throughout grad school and never received any mentorship from SSSP (or really felt that I could have gotten any).
I have never heard of them do any mentoring programs or offer this--it would be great if they did
I have not seen any effort in this regard other than the meeting mentor program, which I think is hit or miss.
Didn't even know that was an option
There should be more opportunity for scholars and mentorship within the section of bodies and embodiment.
I wasn't well matched with my mentor, though he was nice and did interesting work. I feel like as someone who studies politics and economics, there is not a place for me at SSSP, though such fields well match the Social Justice goal. Thus, I question how effectively I could be matched with a mentor.
Perhaps consider a mentoring or matching program for graduate students and early career scholars.
Better section newsletters.
Can we do anything to better mentor junior faculty and graduate students? I am not sure what the mechanisms should be - but one way might be that when graduate students and junior faculty propose papers - to encourage moderators to 'workshop' their papers through detailed critical feedback as they prepare for submission.
Not interested.
Again, provide a central database for people to engage and find mentoring relationships that are mutually beneficial.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	21

25. You said that SSSP does not provide adequate opportunities to volunteer for a committee or elected position. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response
The only information I saw about these opportunities was when I signed up for SSSP. Are there others? Because if so I would not know how to find out about them.
I want to be more involved but scheduling conflicts with business meetings and paper sessions were a problem this year. I've also been nominanted for elected positions in the past but, never been successfully elected. I would like to be involved but don't know how I can be if 1) i can't attend meetings and 2) i can't get elected because no one knows who I am and won't vote for me...
Open up the process instead of Board members deciding who runs.
I haven't been sent an email to participate in a committee or elected position
I've been a member for years, and other than the elected positions, I've never heard about any opportunities to join a committee or volunteer.
I only saw elected opportunity once in two years . . . Again, this could be in part because of the OVERWHELMING number of emails that come through the listserv, somethings may get missed.
Improvements are being made. However, recruitment for positions is still lagging behind the reliance on collegial and friendship networks.
Before all I want to know if distance is not a problem? I live in Haiti.
N/A
I am not sure why I said this...I have had these opportunities and it worked well. This might have been a typo.
not interested

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

26. Please check each capacity in which you have served the SSSP.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Ad hoc committees	<div></div>	57	18%
2	Appointed positions and committees	<div></div>	75	24%
4	Elected positions and committees	<div></div>	84	27%
5	Social Problems (E.g., author, editor, reviewer)	<div></div>	75	24%
6	Other (please specify)	<div></div>	28	9%
8	Never, have not served	<div></div>	131	42%
3	Division newsletter editor	<div></div>	29	9%
7	Don't recall	<div></div>	8	3%

Other (please specify)
Session Organizer/Presider
contributed to newsletter
Board of Directors, Division Chair
meeting presenter
volunteer
Volunteer
Session Organizer, Presider, Discussant
Chairing division award committees
review for journal
Student volunteer
Conference Session Organizer
On ballat of committee elections
chaired graduate student paper competition
Student Co-presenter at 2013 annual meeting
Division social media liason
I post announce of Annual meeting on my website: www.societascriticus.com
Division chair
Conference
Local awards
I have not shared my served the SSSP yet I have not shared my publication with the SSSP
Presenter
session organizer, discussant
Volunteer at annual meeting
conference
Award Committee Crime and Delinquency
submitting articles
participation in sessions

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	313

27. Did you vote in the last general election?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	No	<div></div>	107	34%
2	Yes	<div></div>	204	66%
	Total		311	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.66
Variance	0.23
Standard Deviation	0.48
Total Responses	311

28. Did you vote in any of the division elections in the last three years?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Not a division member	<div></div>	17	5%
2	No	<div></div>	113	36%
3	Yes	<div></div>	183	58%
	Total		313	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.53
Variance	0.36
Standard Deviation	0.60
Total Responses	313

29. Are you aware of volunteer opportunities within the SSSP?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	No	<div><div></div></div>	132	42%
2	Yes	<div><div></div></div>	179	58%
	Total		311	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.58
Variance	0.25
Standard Deviation	0.50
Total Responses	311

30. If you are a professional member, were you a student member previously?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Not a professional member	<div></div>	88	29%
2	No	<div></div>	94	31%
3	Yes	<div></div>	126	41%
	Total		308	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.12
Variance	0.68
Standard Deviation	0.83
Total Responses	308

31. Have you communicated with the Administrative Office within the past year?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	No	<div><div></div></div>	197	63%
2	Yes	<div><div></div></div>	114	37%
	Total		311	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.37
Variance	0.23
Standard Deviation	0.48
Total Responses	311

32. Please indicate to what extent you are satisfied or dissatisfied with your communication with the Administrative Office.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Very Dissatisfied	<div></div>	1	1%
2	Dissatisfied	<div></div>	0	0%
3	Neutral	<div></div>	4	4%
4	Satisfied	<div></div>	23	20%
5	Very Satisfied	<div></div>	86	75%
	Total		114	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	4.69
Variance	0.39
Standard Deviation	0.63
Total Responses	114

33. You said that you are very dissatisfied or dissatisfied with your communication with the Administrative office. Please tell us why you are dissatisfied.

Text Response	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

34. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following items.

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	SSSP is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion.	0	4	35	133	137	309	4.30
2	SSSP provides a welcoming environment for members of historically underrepresented groups.	2	5	77	110	116	310	4.07
3	SSSP provides an environment in which diverse points of view are invited and respected.	2	5	50	132	120	309	4.17

Statistic	SSSP is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion.	SSSP provides a welcoming environment for members of historically underrepresented groups.	SSSP provides an environment in which diverse points of view are invited and respected.
Min Value	2	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5
Mean	4.30	4.07	4.17
Variance	0.52	0.74	0.64
Standard Deviation	0.72	0.86	0.80
Total Responses	309	310	309

35. You said that SSSP is not adequately committed to promoting diversity and inclusion. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response

Actively promote leadership from diverse backgrounds. Make work more accessible to wider audience.

I take "diversity" to mean "all" types of people are welcome. While that certainly means new members with different backgrounds should be represented, a healthy balance has not been achieved and this arrangement seems to be sacrificed in favor of what appears to be politically correct.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

36. You said that SSSP does not adequately provide a welcoming environment for members of historically underrepresented groups. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
I attended my first conference this year and it just seemed very white.	
Better funding for underrepresented group activities	
Other organizations are sensitive to religious holidays. However, SSSP, nor ASA, has not considered Islamic holidays. For example, a division meeting was held on Eid Al-Fitr, forcing me to choose. It would be nice if you would at least be aware of these holidays and schedule accordingly. Eid Al-Adha will be the next holiday to move into summer. In 2015 it will be in mid-September, 2016 early September and in 2017 it will be in mid August.	
The SSSP was once a healthy activist organization now it is a staid liberal group within the general PC nature of sociology	

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

37. You said that SSSP does not adequately provide an environment in which diverse points of view are invited and respected. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Be more open to folks who don't believe in idenity politics	
Lip service is abundant. Good intentions do not result in practical action.	
I always felt that a Republican would feel really out of place at SSSP! :)	
SSSP is a leftist organizations where those who are even somewhat center are not welcomed. The organization does not practice what it preaches because too many of its members are too dumb to realize how exclusionary they are.	
See above comments. apart from that situation, I assume that SSSP is open to varying points of view.	
yes- there is no room for radicals really not of anarchist, Marxist or other flavor nor of differences from other directions, it is stale and old	

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	6

38. When did you last attend the annual meeting?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Attended the 2014 Annual Meeting	<div></div>	168	54%
2	Last Attended the 2013 Annual Meeting	<div></div>	37	12%
3	More than 2 years ago	<div></div>	53	17%
5	Never	<div></div>	48	15%
4	Don't recall	<div></div>	6	2%
	Total		312	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.13
Variance	2.16
Standard Deviation	1.47
Total Responses	312

39. Were you a session participant at the annual meeting?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	No	<div><div></div></div>	37	22%
2	Yes	<div><div></div></div>	131	78%
	Total		168	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.78
Variance	0.17
Standard Deviation	0.42
Total Responses	168

40. How many sessions did you participate in at the last annual meeting?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
0	0	<div></div>	1	1%
1	1	<div></div>	88	67%
2	2	<div></div>	22	17%
3	3	<div></div>	10	8%
4	4	<div></div>	5	4%
5	5 or more	<div></div>	5	4%
	Total		131	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	0
Max Value	5
Mean	1.58
Variance	1.11
Standard Deviation	1.05
Total Responses	131

41. Please estimate the number of sessions you attended, other than those you participated in at the Annual Meeting.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
0	0	<div></div>	15	11%
1	1	<div></div>	12	9%
2	2	<div></div>	26	20%
3	3	<div></div>	29	22%
4	4	<div></div>	16	12%
5	5 or more	<div></div>	33	25%
	Total		131	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	0
Max Value	5
Mean	2.90
Variance	2.74
Standard Deviation	1.65
Total Responses	131

42. Please specify reason for not attending more sessions, other than those you participated in at the Annual Meeting.

Text Response	
Division Chair responsibilities + responsibilities at ASA	
I had a very busy conference schedule with SSSI and ASA as well, and it is hard to jump back and forth. In addition, SSSP doesn't offer as much breadth in terms of session topics, so it can sometimes be hard for me to find sessions I want to attend.	
Meetings	
other obligations	
Most of my time was spent on division chair related business.	
Very busy with many other obligations at both SSSP and ASA meetings, plus did family outings in SF.	
too many concurrent sessions with other associations (ASA, etc)	
I had conflicts w other mtgs at SSSP and ASA	
Too lazy and too turned off by the entire thing. Not useful for my career anymore.	
Too busy with ASA and visiting family in the area!	
No time	
There were no sessions related to my research area (decoloniality/colonialism, international race theory)	
I had another presentation and had to serve on a committee at ASA, so my time was limited.	
I'm pretty busy, and tend to be "involved" in the sessions that most interest me.	
I am involved in too many meetings.	
I attended several meetings as a member of the nominations committee, Board, and BFA. That left a limited amount of time for networking with specific colleagues, socializing, and attending paper sessions.	
Not my field of interest	
I have attended many in the past, and the presentations are typically very low quality with undeveloped or poorly developed projects.	
I was at the meeting with my father who was not feeling well and I needed to get back to be with him.	
I was overwhelmed with life. Too much was going on all around.	
i was very tired and not feeling well that week.	
overlaps with ASA, typically spend more time at ASA (including pre-conference sessions, which makes SSSP extra-difficult). That said, the overlapping dates definitely make me more likely to participate. Even with overlapping dates, multiple conference participation becomes very expensive. Also, the quality of panels at SSSP (including those on which I've participated) hasn't always been high, decreasing my likelihood to participate in others.	
I was dropped from the program at the last minute. My schedule did not allow me to attend other sessions at SSSP since I had business at ASA.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	23

43. Please estimate the number of sessions you attended.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
0	0	<div></div>	4	11%
1	1	<div></div>	5	14%
2	2	<div></div>	8	22%
3	3	<div></div>	7	19%
4	4	<div></div>	2	6%
5	5 or more	<div></div>	10	28%
	Total		36	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	0
Max Value	5
Mean	2.78
Variance	2.98
Standard Deviation	1.73
Total Responses	36

44. Please specify reason for not attending more sessions.

Text Response
Family considerations.
too many other things competing for time (e.g., ASA)
Was a volunteer at the registration desk during the times of conferences I wanted to attend.
I enrolled at the meeting and presenting at the ASA conference down the street.
I'm an exhibitor.
Too busy with ASA, SWS and with meetings for SSSP.
I looked at the program and nothing caught my interest.
I had to leave the Annual meeting suddenly, midway through, due to a sudden new position opening and therefore needing to move myself and family. The days I was present were full of committee meetings.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	8

45. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following items.

#	Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses	Mean
1	I am satisfied with SSSP's divisional newsletters	4	14	98	148	44	308	3.69
2	I am satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through e-mail blasts	3	17	89	150	49	308	3.73
3	I am satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Listservs	5	14	185	72	28	304	3.34
4	I am satisfied with SSSP's website	0	13	107	138	48	306	3.72

Statistic	I am satisfied with SSSP's divisional newsletters	I am satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through e-mail blasts	I am satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Listservs	I am satisfied with SSSP's website
Min Value	1	1	1	2
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	3.69	3.73	3.34	3.72
Variance	0.67	0.69	0.60	0.60
Standard Deviation	0.82	0.83	0.78	0.78
Total Responses	308	308	304	306

46. You said that you are not satisfied with SSSP's divisional newsletters. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response
Get rid of the juvenile friendly chit-chat. In a grown up approach: (a) Focus on substantial issues within social problems theory that are pertinent within purview of each Division. (b) Regularly summarize key research findings (recently published in all social science journals) that are pertinent to purview of each Division. In other words, members and especially editors of Division newsletters should be far more professional in producing content for newsletters. The chit-chat is a turnoff for serious scholar-intellectual potential members. Hence, either they do not join or eventually decline membership-participation. s ar
I don't recall receiving one for months, perhaps years?
Two of my sections do not seem to have newsletters.
I know I receive e-mails/newsletters from the social movements section on a regular basis, but I'm not sure if I can recall ever having receive e-mails from the other sections I've joined.
no idea. they are boring.
Very little initiative outside of annual meetings
Too many emails
I seldom receive any. It would be good to double-check membership lists, provide more regular updates, or else clarify why newsletters arent sent more often.
They rarely come.
Newsletters seem minimal. Division chairs/newsletter editors should solicit more news and information from members, and include easy columns such as a brief summary of some of the most interesting sessions.
the material in the division's areas are bland and uninteresting no different than asa

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

47. You said that you are not satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through e-mail blasts. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response
As with everything else, blasts are creatures of the prevailing power structure.
I think the old newsletter, which had a real Editor and more member participation, was better than these "e-blasts."
Those things are daunting to read, so I usually just skim them and really dont pay attention to them.
Email "blasts" are a poor substitute for more regular, sustained, and meaningful communication/dialogue.
I do not think this system should be used unless necessary. There are too many emails as it is.
I know I receive e-mails/newsletters from the social movements section on a regular basis, but I'm not sure if I can recall ever having receive e-mails from the other sections I've joined.
I have had a devl of a time responding to SSSP emails. I forget the password or the password I use doesn't work. That is one reason I do not vote in the elections: I can't get through the initial stage..
no idea what purpose they really are to serve.
These are annoying. I was happy to read the newsletter in harcopy. I spend all day reading computer screens. I would like to read material from SPSS in hardcopy
I don't get them!
Dont see as interactions
Too many emails

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	12

48. You said that you are not satisfied with SSSP's interaction with members through social media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Listservs. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Need more! MUCH MORE utilization of these important social media platforms	
not sure I am very aware of these opportunities	
I hate Facebook and Twitter as passing distractions. The Listservs are adequate.	
I do not use facebook or twitter, so this stuff is not relevant to me. I prefer traditional media formats.	
I never use this	
this is my issue. I don't use social media at this time.	
I don't use any of this stuff either	
The Listsev gets out of control and overwhelming, not sure how to manage though unfortunately.	
superfecial, no depth but to be frank, dont know how to create depth in those interactions	
I've never even heard of any of these, except for SSSP's Twitter.	
Nothing to improve. I am just not a fan of social media.	

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

49. You said that you are not satisfied with SSSP's website. Please tell us how we can improve.

Text Response	
Clunky and marginally informative.	
Improve search options for programs, and past programs. Include abstract information (look to ASA as model)	
I find it hard to navigate, especially in regard to finding information about the meetings. It is not intuitive to me.	
I sometimes could not locate information about the annual meeting, whether and how I was registered, or similar information. I found it difficult to confirm the circumstances of my membership.	
the job opportunities section could be vastly improved	
It's confusing to navigate. Partially, this comes from figuring out what SSSP does, and how it works as a professional org.	
Website needs a better interface	
Too sophisticated webpage. Too many words and links are not quite obvious	
Make it easier to navigate. Focus on social justice/social action opportunities.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	9

50. What is your gender?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
4	Other (please specify if you wish)		4	1%
2	Male		117	38%
1	Female		185	60%
3	Transgender		3	1%
	Total		309	

Other (please specify if you wish)
queer
gender queer

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.44
Variance	0.34
Standard Deviation	0.59
Total Responses	309

51. Is your primary citizenship in the United States?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	<div><div></div></div>	266	87%
2	No (please specify country)	<div><div></div></div>	41	13%
	Total		307	

No (please specify country)
Australia
singapore
Iran
Canada
Canada
Sweden
Pakistan
Canada
Ireland
Republic of Macedonia
Dutch
Canada (Québec)
India
Ethiopia
Canada
israel
Canada
Israel
Canada
israel
Canada
Canada
Haiti
Japan
Canada
Spain
Canada
China
Canada
Spain
Vietnam
United Kingdom

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.13
Variance	0.12
Standard Deviation	0.34
Total Responses	307

52. Which best represents your racial or ethnic heritage?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
5	Native American or Alaskan Native		0	0%
2	East Asian or Asian American		12	4%
3	Hispanic or Latino/a		29	9%
6	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		0	0%
9	Other (please specify if you wish)		19	6%
7	South Asian or Indian American		8	3%
4	Middle Eastern or Arab American		3	1%
1	African American or Black		23	8%
8	Non-Hispanic White		212	69%
	Total		306	

Other (please specify if you wish)
mixed race
italo-slav
Native American and White
White, Hispanic
Irish
Half Hispanic, half white
French Canadian (white)
Jew
Mixed European and Native American
I think white is too broad--and I first generation european and have less in common with american white muts on some levels (other than racial privilidge) than with other immigrant groups that are of similar ses as my family
Israeli American
Mixed/Multi-Ethnic & Racial Latina
Caribbean
White and Hispanic
White, European Member (Spain)
Southeast Asian

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Mean	6.76
Variance	6.20
Standard Deviation	2.49
Total Responses	306

53. Which best describes your sexual orientation/identity?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Bisexual	<div></div>	17	6%
3	Heterosexual/Straight	<div></div>	213	70%
4	Lesbian	<div></div>	16	5%
2	Gay	<div></div>	15	5%
5	Other (Please specify if you wish)	<div></div>	16	5%
6	Do not wish to share this information	<div></div>	27	9%
	Total		304	

Other (Please specify if you wish)
Queer Lesbian
Queer
queer
Heterosexual; please don't equate "straight" with heterosexual as it has many meanings, not all of them appropriate
Not really sure
queer
queer
Not fixed in time and space
no sexual orientation
queer
Queer
Queer
Straight Queer
Queer
Pragma-Sapereaudesexual

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	3.26
Variance	1.27
Standard Deviation	1.13
Total Responses	304

54. What is your age?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	18-24 years	<div></div>	2	1%
2	25-34 years	<div></div>	84	27%
3	35-44 years	<div></div>	67	22%
4	45-54 years	<div></div>	47	15%
5	55-64 years	<div></div>	49	16%
6	65-74 years	<div></div>	41	13%
7	75 years or older	<div></div>	8	3%
8	Do not wish to share this information	<div></div>	11	4%
	Total		309	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Mean	3.86
Variance	2.85
Standard Deviation	1.69
Total Responses	309

55. The SSSP strives to ensure our society is a welcoming environment to all. If you have a disability, health challenge, or other difference and would like to express a positive or negative experience you have encountered within the SSSP, please share that information here. Further, if you would like to contact the Accessibility Committee regarding this survey, please send an e-mail to Saher Selod, Accessibility Committee Chair, at saher.selod@simmons.edu and include "Membership Survey" in the subject line.

Text Response	
*I suggest adding disability to the demographics section. This is a very important part of personal identity that is left off.	
Too many sessions for too few participants.	
!	
I have a bad case of age-related hearing loss, and I find some presenters, especially females with high pitched voices, difficult to understand. The sound amplifiers are very helpful at the meetings, and presenters should have a checklist of things to watch for when making their presentations, including standing close to the microphone, using suitable handouts, and power points.	
there is nothing SSSP can do about my health limitations. I think SSSP puts quite a lot into keeping in touch with more passive members like me. Thats why I joined it rather than the symbolic interaction society, SSSS	
It would be nice to offer various mobility options for those invisible disabilities, such as rheumatoid arthritis and so forth...	
A weakness of SSSP is that most of the section meetings and social activities were held at the same time.	
I have an illness (pbc), the symptoms of which include fatigue and cognitive difficulties. It means that I often struggle to read documents - particularly where complex arguments are presented. I find that listening to material is much easier . If SSSP ever gets the resources to have podcasts or recordings of articles, I would be a very happy member.	
I applaud the SSSP for instituting all-gender bathrooms at the annual meetings. This has made the space much more accessible for me and is a great relief. Thank you.	
N/A	
I am glad the mentor program helps people from ethnic minority group. I benefited greatly.	
I have no related experience to share. All of my interactions with SSSP members/staff and experiences with the society have been more than positive.	
Have environmental and food allergies which make it difficult at time to fully participate in sessions or receptions.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	13

56. Remarks: Please add any additional questions, comments, concerns and/or suggestions you may wish to share with us, including ways we may improve the survey. If you feel you have experienced discrimination, exclusion, or bias within the SSSP in the last 12 months, please let us know. Further, if you would like to be contacted regarding this survey, please send an e-mail to Sharon Shumaker, IT Specialist, at sharon.shumaker@utk.edu and include "Membership Survey" in the subject line.

Text Response
The SSSP should be careful not to orient itself to one political position over others (with exceptions on the extremes of course). SSSP should be welcoming to people from various political positions. Though a newer member, I get the sense that the SSSP favors specific political positions and advocates for these. This could mean the SSSP is seen as an ideological group, and therefore is isolated from and ignored by people from more centrist mainstream political positions, such as on the debate over welfare reform.
al and betty were old freinds of mine but i never thought to join. i had been active early on in the ahs, but as a scholar/activist found tha there ws too much to do in the 'real' world.
I'm a new member, but I haven't heard a lot from SSSP since I joined.
My session was poorly organized, with topics that didn't connect, no one attending but presenters, confusion about session changes, but in general, I think it is well done.
A mechanical problem? On two separate questions, I clicked on one of the provided answer-options, then wrote a comment. However, the survey mechanism mechanically insisted that I either errase the comment or choose a provided option. After several attempts to "choose the provide option & write a commet" I simply gave up and erraed the comment in order to move on to complete the survey. i
The survey needed some "not applicable" options. In the absense of that, "neutral" was the closest.
Great confrence, but would like to know more about volunteer opportunities and scholarships. Everything else is about the organization is great though!
I see Michele Koontz' role, but I wonder what we really need an executive director for given finances and costs. Money would be better spent on funding graduate student participation or lowering the cost of annual meeting participation. Do away with the award banquet--the one time I went I felt I was at a retirement dinner.
The meeting is too expensive to attend on a regular basis. Also, it is important to figure out a way to get people to attend the sessions at the annual meeting.
I am concerned about the conference. I think SSSP offers a good opportunity for graduate students to get some good professional experience at the meetings. But I think for established professionals, it is much less attractive. Few people attend sessions, and the comments are thus not helpful. I am not sure how to address this, but it has been this way for years.
Hope journal becomes more international/global and increasingly diverse in methodologies and theories represented. Not so much correlational research.... journals with titles like The relationship between X variable and Y variable. Leave that to ASR, Criminology and Social Forces. Let's have some paradigm shifting work that is controversial in the field.Remember what started the journal.
Thanks for conducting this survey. I hope it's usefull to you.
Discussed in the IE Divisional meeting this year was the concern that Social Problems reviewers - and apparently the Editor, too, seems to not find institutional ethnographic submissions "of little interest" to Social Problems readers. I can speak of one instance which really worries me--occurring in the past year or so. I was a reviewer of a submission to which I gave careful feedback suggesting that it needed revision. Later the revision came back to me and I judged the new version to be very well written and ready for publication. I was shocked when at our Divisional meeting, the writer told the group that all the reviewers were happy with the revision but the Editor decided that the paper wasn't the kind of work that interested the Journal's readership. This story needs to be handled with discretion, but I'd like to see some changes made in the Editorial committee.
I think that senior scholars who are SSSP members can do better regarding mentoring of younger scholars. Sometimes it seems the senior, more established and well known scholars stick to their own and socialize. I wish more folks like that would be mentors.
N/A
I was concerned by the 2014 Hood Social Action Award recipient. A main part of the organization's work goes in opposition to a resolution on sex work approved in 2011. Furthermore, SSSP has members that identify as current/former sex workers and/or work with the sex worker community. It is stigmatizing and potentially traumatizing to them to conflate consensual adult sex work with forced sexual labor/sex trafficking. The office has been responsive in addressing those concerns.
My experience with SSSP is great. The only thing is that it seems some paper sessions at the annual meetings are not well attended.
I couldn't think of any suggestions, I would only praise the efforts of SSSP and its people for a wonderful work year round in pursuing the mission and continuing to make great strides and positive contributions for the greater good.
I am still confounded by the lack of Global reach of the organization, particularly the emphasis on the US. Currently I am on the Elections Committee and in writing an email to those that were nominated for various committees for 2015 election, I read various parts of the OPerations Manual. In many places, the focus is on US rather than on an international membership, ie Investment section focuses on US investments only. In a number of places, the manual refers to SSSP as a national organization. This is troubling to me and a number of my colleagues.
n/a
I would only repeat what I alluded to earlier: in years past (many years past) there was always a healthy interest in sociological theory in SSSP and in adjoining areas of inquiry (soc. of literature; existentialism; etc.). I miss that and, indeed, discover increasinlgy at SSSP meetings that there are not a lot of folks who even know about theory outside of social problems theopry.
Just to clarify my comments about organization -- I attended a couple of sessions which were either cancelled or the panels didn't start till late (partly because the panellists were late and partly because of low turnout). I know that running the conference alongside ASA is convenient and sensible in some ways but it is disadvantageous in some palpable ways. Thank you for all you do, though -- SSSP is a great conference and community.
SSSP is a terrific organization.
I've mentioned this to many people before, and I know there is some discussion around this, but I believe the meetings should be held in cities that are less expensive and more in need of the economic benefit that SSSP meetings provide, such as New Orleans, Detroit, etc.
We need to promote active participation in the journal. It's a shame that we have to beg people to present themselves as candidates for the editorship. Same for the office of president.
Earlier I described the difficulty I encountered with the Islamic holiday. This was a few years in a row. I realize you are linked to ASA, but I am asking you to be aware of this issue and work long term to accommodate people who are celebrating.
This is a good survey.
I think we try very hard to be welcoming and inclusive to those who come to our meetings, or join our organization. I do believe that we still need to be more aggressive in recruiting a more diverse membership. Personally, I think the best way to do that is to actively target graduate students who are not yet committed to one organization. Our rates are reasonable, and we do have travel support (not only the Lee student fund but also being able to work at the desk for hotel accommodations, etc.), paper competitions, dissertation scholarship, and leadership opportunities that we could really impact their professional development. I believe we should focus more in our recruitment materials about the types of monetary support, professional recognition, and leadership experience they could derive - and focus on schools with large minority populations as a means of trying to diversify.

I'm going to retire, and I'm wondering if SSSP have activities that help retirees stay active in social research.

I would like to see more support services to include First Generation Academics and Academic Parents. Particularly when these two categories intersect with each other and other social factors it makes it hard for members to be as active in their fields (e.g. parents attending with children), find full employment, and to understand the academic culture which is often vastly different from anything we have experienced.

I really, really like SSSP's mission, and have heard nothing but good things about it. I agree that I encountered a *very* positive, friendly, and welcoming environment at the meeting. I would definitely recommend this group to others. However, for myself, I found that I could not easily locate a role for my research in this group. Though Politics and Economics are substantial areas of specialization, I could not find a section that I could easily fit into, even though I strongly feel that my work can aid movement toward social justice. This was very disappointing for me. I may maintain my membership for another year to try to make this work, but I am not sure that it will be the right investment for me.

About two decades ago, I joined in SSSP since I was attracted by its academic achievements. The society promoted (or at least opened a door to) revolutionary ideas such as labeling and the construction of social problems. I believe that these ideas are still very important for the entire discipline of sociology. Recently, I feel that the society is academically stagnant due to its excessive value position.

The main problem I see at SSSP conferences is that the sessions are not well attended. I know this is a long-time quandary for us, because we accept almost every paper, and most members don't make their primary commitment to SSSP. I wish there was a solution. I don't have any idea what it is! SSSP has been my intellectual home in many ways for decades. I am very grateful for it.

I'm an Assist Prof, though my membership category is still student since I just graduated in spring. I intended to be a "professional member" when I renew my membership. Looking ahead, I'm VERY interested in ways to connect with other social justice scholars and folks who teach social justice. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this survey.

My commitment is to SSSP because it is the most welcoming society for students. I would like to see more questions about students: Their participation in the governance of SSSP, the resources directed toward students, and so forth.

I don't know if my opinion is qualified enough. I have joined to SSSP three weeks ago more or less. I have filled the survey but I don't have enough information. I am satisfied for now and I really know that I will in the future.

This is actually the best survey I've ever taken, I'm glad you bugged me about it one more time; sorry I couldn't offer more info, it's more my passivity to blame than anything else.

Basically, I am totally satisfied with this organization.

Thank you SSSP!

A few times at the annual meeting, I have gone to sessions at which the moderator has not shown up. Later, it has been discovered that the moderator did not know that he or she had been assigned this responsibility. This happened at this year's meeting, when I attended a roundtable, and the only people there were co-authors of one paper. The other presenters did not show up, nor did the moderator. We still had an interesting conversation, but it could have been even better with a moderator present!

I attended the session on the job market during the SSSP Meeting. I asked a question on how non-US citizens specifically could navigate through the job market. The panelists were not helpful. None of them had any knowledge of immigration issues. Some people in the audience also made me feel comfortable or even bad for asking that question.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	41