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Profiling and Criminal Justice in America Jeff Bumgarner, 2014-12-16 An unbiased examination of profiling in the criminal justice system one of the most hotly contested public policy issues on the streets in the courts and in the jails and prisons of America In the post 9 11 world profiling by law enforcement has become standard operating procedure Profiling by prosecutors judges and

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Youth Substance Abuse David E. Newton, 2016-07-18 This text provides readers with an in depth understanding of the essential aspects of youth substance abuse an important contemporary personal social and public health issue Humans have been using natural and synthetic chemicals for at least two millennia primarily for the purpose of treating medical problems but also for recreational purposes The 2014 Monitoring the Future survey of eighth tenth and twelfth grade students indicates a general decline in the use of illicit drugs over the last two decades On the other hand perceptions among youth that certain types of drug use like marijuana and e cigarettes are harmless are growing Youth Substance Abuse A Reference Handbook provides an overview of the history and development of youth substance abuse along with a discussion of the medical social psychological legal and economic issues associated with youth substance abuse both in the United States and other parts of the world The book begins with a

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Obesity Judith S. Stern,Alexandra Kazaks,2015-10-13 Obesity has reached epidemic proportions in countries like the United States This book provides a comprehensive summary of obesity in America and around the world discussing the causes and proposing ways to help stem the tide and to help those who are overweight A highly useful and accessible resource for high school to undergraduate students as well as post graduate level readers with an interest in health and nutrition this updated second edition of Obesity A Reference Handbook offers up to date answers to essential questions about obesity and connected societal and health care related issues A single volume go to resource this book addresses difficult questions such as whether obesity is a disease or a moral failing what factors contribute to obesity what the economic impacts of obesity are on the health care industry if and how poverty is a contributor to obesity how our society encourages obesity and how changes can be made to improve our society s eating habits as a whole It presents citations from individuals and peer reviewed journals and review articles providing a balance of information sourced from both professionals and informed lay commentators Also included are dozens of biographies of individuals who have been important in studying preventing managing or increasing awareness about obesity such as Jared Fogle longtime Subway sandwiches spokesperson Kelly Brownell who coined the phrase toxic environment to describe unhealthy food and exercise patterns researcher Ethan Allen Sims who examined the relationship between obesity and diabetes and Oprah Winfrey well known celebrity who stated that if there were a pill to lose weight or a magic diet she would have it

The Minimum Wage Oren M. Levin-Waldman,2015-12-01 This unbiased look at the minimum wage debate in America traces the history of minimum wage policy at both the federal and state levels discusses the controversies swirling around the issue and examines the veracity of claims made by people on both sides of the debate Minimum wage inspires debate among many Americans from advocates who consider it beneficial to the poor and middle class to those who feel it leads to greater unemployment This comprehensive overview examines the history policies and key players in the minimum wage arena and discusses the various controversies that have surrounded it Author Oren M Levin Waldman presents a balanced approach to the topic shedding light on legitimate evidence from both sides of the argument and debunking claims based on ideology partisanship and distortions of data The book presents an historical overview from the early 20th century through the present day exploring the various legal issues benefits and potential problems of low wage

labor markets Contributions from key economists along with profiles of seminal figures and organizations present a variety of different perspectives and show the expanse of political economic and academic involvement in marshaling effective solutions The content features informative data resources for further action a helpful chronology and a thorough glossary

Juvenile Justice Donald J. Shoemaker, Timothy W. Wolfe, 2016-01-18 Authoritative current and easy to use this book is an outstanding resource for readers looking to gain an accurate and thorough understanding of American juvenile justice Juvenile delinquency has been of interest to the general public and academic scholars for many decades and it has been an ongoing societal problem for the same amount of time Delinquency covers a range of behaviors from minor offenses such as trespassing or vandalism to the more serious crimes often associated with gangs that include murder Juvenile Justice A Reference Handbook puts juvenile justice under the microscope surveying its long history and key issues exploring the myriad of problems and controversies tied to the juvenile justice system and explains how policymakers and legal professionals have tried to solve these vexing issues The book first presents historical and contemporary discussions of juvenile justice especially in the United States The next chapters address problems controversies and possible solutions for juvenile justice present insightful diverse perspectives from leading experts and profile important figures in the juvenile justice system and the field of crime and delinquency The book also contains data and primary documents that show who gets processed through the juvenile justice system and for what kinds of criminal acts Solar Energy David E.

Newton, 2015-10-26 This book provides an outstanding single volume resource on the topic of solar energy for young adults and general audiences While how much longer the world's supply of fossil fuels will last is debatable it is a fact that the fossil fuels that we depend on so heavily today are non renewable resources that will inevitably be exhausted making the need to shift to alternative sources of energy such as solar extremely important Solar Energy A Reference Handbook presents encyclopedic coverage of the social political economic and environmental issues associated with the development and use of solar energy in the United States and around the world This book provides an in depth description of the ways solar power has been used for at least 2 000 years It outlines how humankind has utilized various forms of energy from the sun by way of photovoltaic cells concentrating or focusing solar power active and passive solar heating and other mechanisms and provides perspectives on today's solar energy issues from a variety of subject experts Readers will better understand not only the advantages and disadvantages of solar power but also the critical nature of energy production to sustaining life on earth thereby underscoring the importance of developing solar power and other alternative sources of energy to meet the world's energy needs in coming decades The book also includes profiles of key individuals and organizations related to the field of solar energy a chronology of important events in the history of solar energy and a glossary that defines the key terms used in discussing the topic of solar energy Hate Crimes Donald Altschiller, 2015-09-15 Hate crime is a disturbing phenomenon that is the subject of constant debate discussion and legislation This book helps readers understand the complex issue and

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Fracking David E. Newton, 2015-01-16 The use of fracking is a tremendously important technology for the recovery of oil and gas but the advantages and costs of fracking remain controversial This book examines the issues and social economic political and legal aspects of fracking in the United States Hydraulic fracturing of oil and gas wells known commonly as fracking has been in use in the United States for more than half a century In recent years however massive expansion of shale gas fracturing across the nation has put fracking in the public eye Is fracking a win win like its proponents say or are there significant costs and dangers associated with the use of this energy production technology This book examines fracking from all angles addressing the promise of the United States becoming energy independent through the use of the process to tap the massive amounts of natural gas and oil available as well as the host of problems associated with fracking groundwater contamination and increased seismic activity just to mention two that raise questions about the long term feasibility of the process as a source of natural gas The first part of the book provides a historical background of the topic a review of technical information about fracking and a detailed discussion of the social economic political legal and other aspects of the current fracking controversy The second part of the book provides a host of resources for readers seeking to learn even more in depth information about the topic supplying a chronology glossary annotated bibliography and profiles of important individuals and organizations Written specifically for students and young adults the content is accessible to readers with little or no previous knowledge regarding fracking

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United States illegally and why What compels people to leave their country of origin Is the United States responsible for taking care of the more than 11 million individuals who are here illegally Are illegal immigrants helping or harming our nation s economy and infrastructure Should our borders be secured as called for by many politicians This book examines the history of illegal immigration in the United States addressing the tough questions about the issue and describing in detail the most significant issues and events in recent decades It succinctly tackles the topic of illegal immigration without bias explores the myriad of problems and controversies that have arisen due to illegal immigration and explains how lawmakers have historically tried and continue to try to solve these issues This thoroughly revised and updated second edition of *Illegal Immigration A Reference Handbook* covers the debate over the vexing and seemingly intractable illegal immigration problem from all angles and updates the discussion to 2015 It covers the key court executive and legislative branch actions on the matter and examines both state and national level government attempts to cope with illegal immigration The book also contains a variety of primary source documents in summary format that cover all the key laws enacted presidential or state governor s executive actions taken and key court decisions since 1985 These documents not only provide factual data but also give context that allows readers to better grasp the complexity of the problem and the difficulty in trying to improve the situation through regulation

Cyber Warfare Paul J. Springer, 2015-02-24 This timely handbook traces the development of cyber capabilities from their roots in information warfare and cryptology to their potential military application in combat Cyber warfare is gaining prominence as a serious tactic in military conflicts throughout the world And as the most network dependent nation on earth the United States is the most vulnerable Military expert and author Paul J Springer examines the many facets of cyber combat from the threats of information exposure that American civilians encounter on a daily basis to the concern of keeping up with the capabilities of China and Russia to the inherent dangers in ignoring cyber threats This essential reference the only of its kind to include an overview of other cyber warfare literature emphasizes the importance of cyber operations in modern conflicts detailing the efforts that have been made by government agencies to create networks that are secure Noted experts in the field weigh in on the problems of attribution during a cyber attack the detection of cyber intrusions and the possible solutions for preventing data breaches The book features profiles of theorists commanders and inventors as well as organizations dedicated to cyber attacks including government and military operations industrial cyber security companies and academic centers

Cloning David E. Newton, 2015-08-11 This book provides a detailed introduction to the cloning of both plants and animals and discusses the important social ethical political technical and other issues related to the practice The history of cloning experiments dates back more than a century but advances in technology in recent decades have multiplied the potential applications of cloning and expanded the controversies surrounding these possibilities *Cloning A Reference Handbook* provides an accessible description of the development of plant and animal cloning from the early stages of human civilization to the present day and coherently covers the science and technology

involved It reviews the essential controversies that have arisen about cloning particularly applications involving human DNA as researchers have advanced and extended the tools for cloning organisms Additionally the book discusses public opinion about cloning and the legislative and administration actions that have been taken with regard to the practice This single volume work provides a broad treatment of the subject going back further in history than is the case with most texts covering plant cloning and providing a thorough overview of the nature of animal cloning and related issues Examples of the topics covered include the natural cloning processes of regeneration in plants and animals crucial research breakthroughs on animal cloning by Robert Briggs and Thomas King John Gurdon Gail Martin James Till and Earnest McCulloch and others and the laws that regulate which types of cloning are allowed and prohibited in the United States and in other countries

Healthcare Reform in America Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld, Michael Kronenfeld, 2015-04-14 This valuable handbook makes the U S health care system understandable reviews the Affordable Care Act ACA or Obamacare describes past health care reform efforts and covers the important organizations and people involved in U S health care reform Why does the United States produce poorer outcomes for Americans in terms of health care than most other developed countries that spend a lower percentage of their Gross Domestic Product GDP on health care Should health insurance be private or should it be managed by the government The second edition of *Healthcare Reform in America A Reference Handbook* addresses these complex and difficult questions and many more in its thorough treatment of one of the most controversial issues in contemporary American discourse The work provides a broad introduction to the history and key issues in the development and reform of the U S health care system It then addresses the recent passage of the Affordable Care Act and the myriad of significant expected changes due to the Act thereby providing readers with information essential to understanding the current issues regarding health care reform This work serves as a valuable resource to high school and college students as well as to general readers wanting to learn about the history and current focus of health care reform in the United States

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Joseph P. Stoltman, 2011-10-20 Via approximately 80 entries or mini chapters the SAGE 21st Century Reference Series volumes on geography will highlight the most important topics issues questions and debates any student obtaining a degree in this field ought to have mastered for effectiveness in the 21st century The purpose is to provide undergraduate majors with an authoritative reference source that will serve their research needs with more detailed information than encyclopedia entries but not so much jargon detail or density as a journal article or a research handbook chapter Features Benefits Curricular driven to provide students with initial footholds on topics of interest in writing research term papers in preparing for GREs in consulting to determine directions to take in pursuing a senior thesis graduate degree etc Comprehensive to offer full coverage of major subthemes and subfields within the discipline of geography including regional geography physical geography global change human and cultural geography economic geography and locational analysis political geography geospatial technology cartography spatial thinking research methodology geographical education and more Uniform in chapter structure to make it easy for students to locate key information with a more or less common chapter format of Introduction Theory Methods Applications Comparison Future Directions Summary Bibliography Suggestions for Further Reading and Cross References Available in print and electronic formats to provide students with convenient easy access

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21st Century Sociology: A Reference Handbook Clifton D. Bryant, Dennis L. Peck, 2006-11-17

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Research for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Environments Thomas, Joshua, Weber, Gerhard Wilhelm, Aguilar,

Roman Rodríguez, Munapo, Elias, Vasant, Pandian, 2024-02-08 The application of contemporary and emerging operational research optimization methods in renewable energy is vital to creating and maintaining sustainable environments across the planet. More research is needed to understand how modern and innovative technological solutions can enhance accessible global energy. Operational Research for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Environments is a critical scholarly resource that examines the efficient use of modern electrical technology and renewable energy sources that have a positive impact on sustainable development. Highlighting topics such as cogeneration, thermal modules, photovoltaic (PV) solar, and renewable energy systems (RES) application practices, this publication is geared towards academics, advocates, government officials, policymakers, humanized managers, practitioners, professionals, and students interested in the latest research on renewable energy and clean technology for sustainable rural development.

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