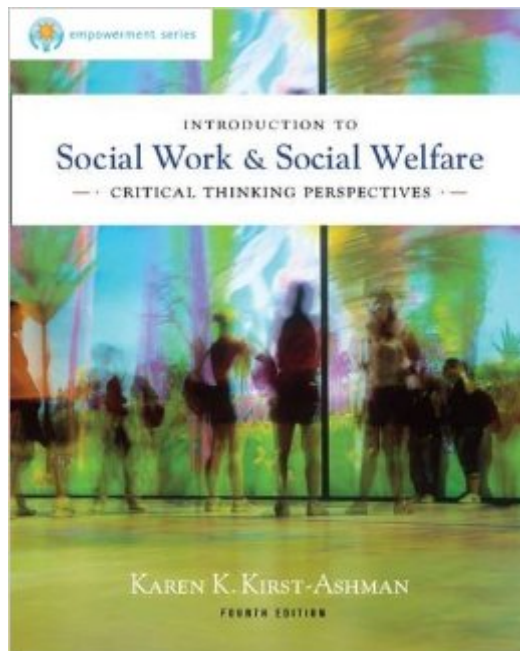# Introduction To Social Work & Social Welfare: Critical Thinking Perspectives

Synopsis

Karen K. Kirst-Ashman's introductory book enhances the reader's ability to grasp the essence and spirit of generalist social work and the issues in social welfare that social workers address every day. Giving those contemplating a career in social work a solid introduction to the profession, Kirst-Ashman presents a balanced introductory look within a unifying theme of critical thinking that trains readers to be more evaluative of key concepts. The topics covered include practice concepts, social welfare policy concepts, history and current state of the profession, the contexts of practice and populations served, and professional development.

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that the spate of one star reviews of this textbook all occur on the same day, that day being when this book was brought out and universally trashed by right wing media outlets like Fox News, Breitbart and The Blaze, after a brouhaha arose with a sophomore in college named Anna Chapman who became so offended by having her conservative ideas challenged by *horrors*...facts, that she complained to a right wing campus activist group about it. I sincerely doubt that anyone who posted a review about this book on February 17, 2014 has actually read the book. I have. It's a great look into how social conditions create an environment which people have to negotiate to thrive, as well as how certain people have more advantage at creating that environment than others, and provides case studies in how these changes are achieved, as well as the motivations for doing so. If you want to approach the subject with an open mind, read the book. If

you only want to have your pre-existing Hannity-Beck-Limbaugh worldview confirmed for you without challenge, you may not want to go to college to begin with, because that's kind of the purpose of the endeavor...to expand your intellectual horizons.

I had to have this book for my Social Work class. This book is not an easy read like others, it also does not list key or vocab words in the side margin, nor in a glossary, which make studying for a test hard especially in an online class. It explained a lot of the NASW Code of Ethics well, but it was boring to read which made getting through the chapters challenging.

Excellent text book. Information is very current and up-to-date.Well written, a valuable asset for my class.

I bought this book for class but i cannot use it. The kindle app will not open this book. Would really like my money back.

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