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Radical Statistics Group - Who we are

The RSG was formed in 1975 by researchers and statisticians with a common concern about the political implications of their work and an awareness of the actual and potential misuse of statistics. The RSG is independent of any other organisation. Members are 'radical' in being committed to helping build a more free, democratic and egalitarian society. Our particular concerns are:

- The mystifying use of technical language to disguise social problems as technical ones
- The lack of control by the community over the aims of statistical investigations, the way these are conducted and the use of the information produced
- The power structures within which statistical and research workers are employed and which control the work and how it is used
- The fragmentation of social problems into specialist fields, obscuring connectedness

Website

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Discussion list

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Schedule for future publications

Issue 95 of Radical Statistics, subtitled "Make Statistics Relevant", is scheduled for early autumn. A last call for papers will be announced on the RadStats email list. The editors request articles that suggest ways of engaging the interest of students and the public and/or that emphasise the vital role of 'statistics' as an aid to critical judgement in important sociological and political issues.

Issue 96 is scheduled for winter 2007.

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