

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

Visit the website www.radstats.org.uk for more information about our activities. There you will find back issues of *Radical Statistics*, reports, press releases, useful links and announcements.

Discussion list

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How we are organised

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Wendy Olsen is the Guest Editor – see her article in this issue.

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