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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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The 'Troika', which co-ordinates and promotes the work of RSG helped by an administrator, is elected at each AGM. The editorship of *Radical Statistics* rotates. Sub-groups are open to all members for RSG activity between AGMs. Let the troika know if you want to help set up a sub-group other than the one given below.

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