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About the Social Justice Suite

To honor our core value of corporate citizenship, Hein is proud to offer five databases* free of charge to its core American and international subscribers, and to the libraries of any other interested organizations or institutions. The Social Justice Suite consists of the following resources:





Gun Regulation and Legislation in America



Civil Rights and Social Justice



Open Society Justice Initiative



LGBTQ+ Rights

Registering for free access to any one of these databases will provide complimentary access to the entire suite. We hope that in making these materials accessible to all, we can help foster knowledge, facilitate civil discourse, and encourage action for the betterment of our nation.

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About Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture and Law

This HeinOnline collection brings together essential legal materials relating to the history of slavery in the United States and the English-speaking world. This includes every federal, state, and colony statute on slavery, as well as all reported state and federal cases on the subject. In this database, slavery-related case coverage extends into the 20th century because long after slavery ended, courts were still resolving issues emanating from the practice.

This library contains hundreds of pamphlets and books written about slavery, whether defending it, attacking it, or simply analyzing it. Also included are every English-language legal commentary on slavery published before 1920, including many essays and articles in obscure, hard-to-find journals from the U.S. and elsewhere. Additionally, we have provided more than a thousand pamphlets and books on slavery from the 19th century. Finally, this database also includes many modern histories of slavery and a section containing all modern law review articles on the subject.

This library will continue to grow, not only from new scholarship but also as we continue to locate relevant historical material and add it to the collection.

About Gun Regulation and Legislation in America

In the wake of several of the deadliest mass shootings in United States history, HeinOnline was pleased to introduce Gun Regulation and Legislation in America free of charge to all U.S. Core subscribers, academics, and other institutional libraries in 2018 in order to provide a platform for research and promote civil discourse on the myriad issues related to gun regulation.

This HeinOnline collection brings together more than 700 titles dealing with this difficult and important topic. Included are periodicals, key compiled federal legislative histories, relevant congressional hearings, CRS Reports, Supreme Court briefs, and more. Links to several hundred scholarly articles, an extensive bibliography, and a balanced selection of external resources to further research this subject are also provided.

About Civil Rights and Social Justice

At this crucial moment in history, Hein is proud to offer Civil Rights and Social Justice, a new research database created to help users understand the roots of the fight for civil rights, how far our nation has come, and how much we have yet to improve.

This collection brings together a diverse offering of publications covering civil rights in the United States as their legal protections and definitions are expanded to cover more and more Americans. Containing links to hundreds of scholarly articles, hearings and committee prints, legislative histories on the landmark legislation, CRS and GAO reports, briefs from major Supreme Court cases, and publications from the Commission on Civil Rights, this database allows users to educate themselves on the ways our civil rights have been strengthened and expanded over time, as well as how these legal protections can go further still. A varied collection of books on many civil rights topics and a list of prominent civil rights organizations help take the research beyond HeinOnline.

About Open Society Justice Initiative - New

The Open Society Justice Initiative database brings the Justice Initiative's scholarship to HeinOnline, providing access to works published by the Justice Initiative in HeinOnline's fully searchable, image-based format. Unique to this collection is the ability to search by Publication Type, a publication identifier assigned by the Justice Initiative to each of its publications, which organizes their works into the following types: Briefing Paper; Publication; and Report.

This database, consisting entirely of never-before available titles to HeinOnline, will be updated yearly as new publications are released by the Justice Initiative.

About LGBTQ+ Rights - New

HeinOnline presents its newest addition to the Social Justice Suite, LGBTQ+ Rights. This collection charts the gay rights movement in America, showing the civil rights codified into law in the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as the inequalities that still exist today. All titles in this collection have been assigned one or more title-level subjects relating to their scope, and are further divided into six subcollections, whose areas of focus constitute Marriage and Family, Employment Discrimination, Military Service, AIDS and Health Care, Public Spaces and Accommodations, and Historical Attitudes and Analysis.

This collection is rounded out by a curated list of Scholarly Articles selected by Hein editors, as well as a Bibliography of titles to launch your research outside of HeinOnline. Finally, an interactive timeline, incorporating documents from HeinOnline with other media from around the internet, plots out an overview of LGBTQ rights in America from 1950 to the present day, helping to demonstrate the relevancy of the content within the database to the real-world events to which they are connected.

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