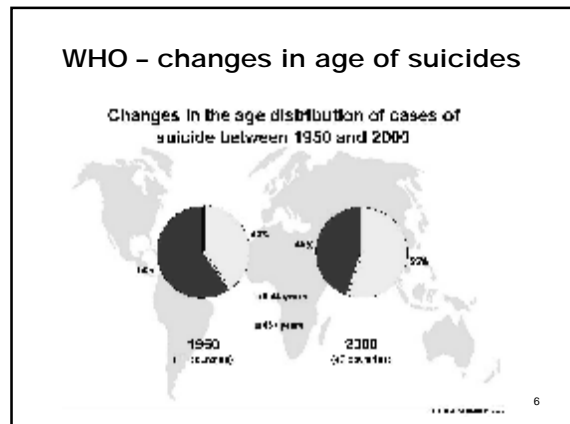
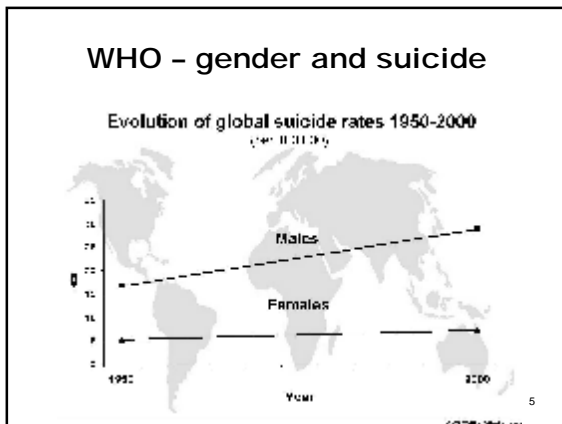
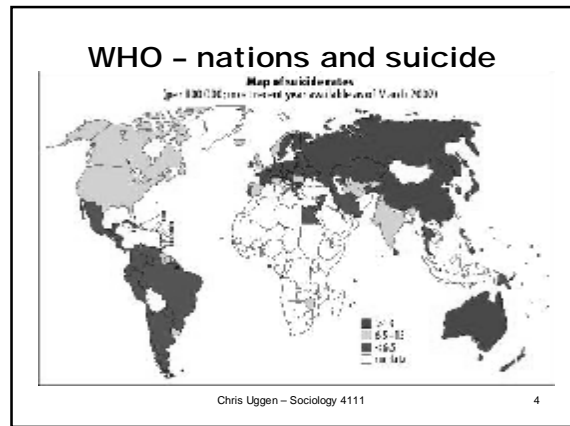
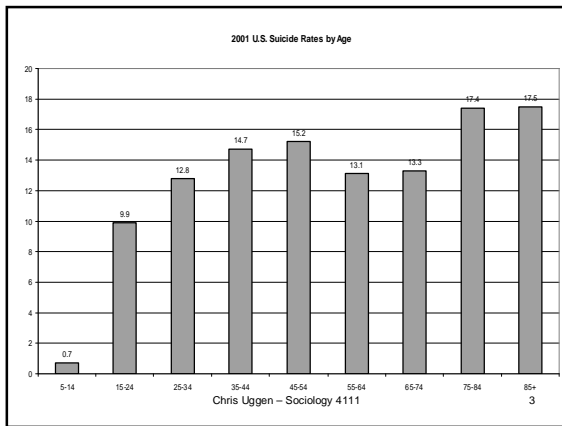


lecture 26:

- I. finish suicide
- II. start disability

I. recap suicide

- Social Facts
 - Prevalence - rates by state and nation
 - Correlates
- Today: theories
 - Societal: Durkheim
 - Individual: Learning
- Suicide notes as a data source?



Youth suicide rates by nation (WHO data 1990s)

Nation	Male	Female	M/F ratio	Nation	Male	Female	M/F ratio
Lithuania	44.9	6.7	7	Ukraine	17.2	5.3	3
Russian Fed.	41.7	7.9	5	Poland	16.6	2.5	7
New Zealand	39.9	6.2	6	Czech Rep	16.4	4.3	4
Slovenia	37	8.4	4	Bulgaria	15.4	5.6	3
Latvia	35	9.3	4	France	14	4.3	3
Finland	33	3.2	10	Denmark	13.4	2.3	6
Estonia	29.7	10.6	3	Germany	12.7	3.4	4
Norway	28.2	5.2	5	U. Kingdm	12.2	2.3	5
Australia	27.3	5.6	5	Israel	11.7	2.5	5
Switzerland	25	4.8	5	Japan	10.1	4.4	2
Canada	24.7	6	4	Sweden	10	6.7	1
Belarus	24.2	5.2	5	Netherlands	9.1	3.8	2
United States	21.9	3.8	6	Spain	7.1	2.2	3
Ireland	21.5	2	11	Italy	5.7	1.6	4
Austria	21.1	6.5	3	Portugal	4.3	2	2
Hungary	19.1	5.5	3	Greece	3.8	0.8	5

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Suicide Rates (per 100,000) by country, year, and gender (2003 WHO)

Country	Male	Female	Ratio	Country	Male	Female	Ratio
LITHUANIA	75.6	16.1	4.7	ROMANIA	20.8	3.9	5.3
RUSSIA	70.9	11.9	5.9	BOSNIA/HERZEGOVINA	20.5	3.3	6.2
BELARUS	63.6	9.5	6.7	GERMANY	20.2	7.3	2.8
LATVIA	56.6	11.9	4.8	SWEDEN	19.7	8	2.5
UKRAINE	52.1	10	5.2	NORWAY	19.5	8.8	2.2
SLOVENIA	47.3	12.4	3.8	KAZAKHSTAN	19.5	5.1	3.8
HUNGARY	47.1	13	3.6	KYRGYZSTAN	19.3	4	4.8
KAZAKHSTAN	46.4	8.6	5.4	ICELAND	19.1	5.2	3.7
ESTONIA	45.8	11.9	3.8	S. KOREA	18.8	8.3	2.3
SARAWAK	44.8	16.8	2.7	IRELAND	18.4	4.3	4.3
JAPAN	36.5	14.1	2.6	UNITED STATES	17.6	4.1	4.3
FINLAND	34.6	10.9	3.2	TRINIDAD/TOBAGO	17.4	5	3.5
CROATIA	32.9	10.3	3.2	Hong Kong	16.7	9.8	1.7
BELOGIUM	29.4	10.7	2.8	SURINAM	16.6	7.2	2.3
AUSTRIA	27.3	9.8	2.8	URUGUAY	16.6	4.2	4.0
MOLDOVA	26.7	4.1	6.5	PUERTO RICO	16	1.9	8.4
SWITZERLAND	26.5	10	2.7	GUAYANA	16.4	8.5	2.2
FRANCE	26.1	8.4	3.1	TUNGKINGSTAN	15.8	3.5	4.5
CZECH REPUBLIC	26	6.7	3.9	CHINA (Shanghai)	13	14.8	0.9
POLAND	25.9	4.9	5.3	NETHERLANDS	13	6.3	2.1
BULGARIA	25.2	9.1	2.8	SINGAPORE	12.5	6.4	2.0
CUBA	24.5	12	2.0	SPAIN	12.4	4	3.1
LUXEMBOURG	23.9	10.7	2.2	INDIA	12.2	9.1	1.3
NEW ZEALAND	23.7	6.9	3.4	BELGIUM	12.1	6.9	1.7
SLOVAKIA	22.6	4.9	4.6	UNITED KINGDOM	11.8	3.3	3.6
INDOSLAVIA	21.8	8.7	2.5	MALTA	11.7	2.6	4.5
AUSTRALIA	21.2	5.1	4.2	ITALY	11.1	2.4	4.6
MAURITIUS	21.1	9.5	2.2	ZIMBABWE	10.4	5.2	2.0
DENMARK	20.9	8.1	2.6	UZBEKISTAN	10.5	3.1	3.4
				NETHERLANDS	10.5	2.4	4.4
				IRAN	9.3	9.1	1.0

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Durkheim's *Suicide*

- **Social Integration:** Rates vary with social interaction and regulation, group unity, and strength of ties
- Societies vary
 - In **integration:** from egoistic to altruistic
 - In **regulation:** from anomic to fatalistic
- Typology of suicides
 - **Altruistic** - to benefit group (Kamikaze)
 - Overintegration, strong attachment to group
 - **Egoistic** - societies lacking close ties or relations
 - Underintegration, no check on individualism
 - Most common
 - **Anomic** - normlessness with shock to social system
 - Underregulation (e.g., 1929 crash)
 - [Fatalistic] - analog to anomic,
 - Overregulation (e.g., slaves)

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learning theory and suicide


- Do we learn definitions favorable and unfavorable to suicide?
 - How are suicide (attempts) reinforced?
 - Is there a sequence or process ("career")?
 - Problems, self-directed responses, suicidal thoughts (ideations), behavior
 - Dr. Kevorkian, legitimation of physician-assisted
- Publicity and suicides (D. Phillips)
 - Possible imitative effects on suicide, single-car accidents, etc.
- Analysis of suicide notes (12-15%)
 - Transforming the self?

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from suicide notes

- And so I leave this world, where the heart must either break or turn to lead.
-- Nicolas-Sebastien Chamfort, French writer, d. 1794
- The future is just old age and illness and pain.... I must have peace and this is the only way.
-- James Whale, film director, d. May 29, 1957
- I feel certain that I'm going mad again. I feel we can't go thru another of those terrible times. And I shan't recover this time. I begin to hear voices
-- Virginia Woolf, author, d. March 28, 1941
- I must end it. There's no hope left. I'll be at peace. No one had anything to do with this. My decision totally.
-- Freddie Prinze, comedian, d. January 29, 1977
- Frances and Courtney, I'll be at your altar. Please keep going Courtney, for Frances for her life will be so much happier without me. I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU.
-- Kurt Cobain, musician, d. April 8, 1994

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Speaking from the tongue of an experienced simpleton who obviously would rather be an emasculated, infantile complain-ee. This note should be pretty easy to understand. All the warnings from the punk rock 101 courses over the years, since my first introduction to the, shall we say, the ethics involved with independence and the embracement of your community has proven to be very true. I haven't felt the excitement of listening to as well as creating music along with reading and writing for too many years now. I feel guilty beyond words about these things. For example, when we're backstage and the lights go out and the manic roar of the crowd begins, it doesn't affect me the way in which it did for Freddy Mercury, who seem to love, relish in the love and adoration from the crowd, which is something I totally admire and envy. The fact is, I can't fool you, any one of you. It simply isn't fair to you or me. The worst crime I can think of would be to rip people off by taking it and pretending as if I'm having 100% fun. Sometimes I feel as if I should have a punch-in time clock before I walk out on stage. I've tried everything within my power to appreciate it (and I do, God believe me I do, but it's not enough). I appreciate the fact that I and we have affected and entertained a lot of people. I must be one of those narcissists who only appreciate things when they're gone. I'm too sensitive. I need to be slightly numb in order to regain the enthusiasm I once had as a child. On our last 3 tours, I've had a much better appreciation for all the people I've known personally and as fans of our music, but I still can't get over the frustration, the guilt and empathy I have for everyone. There's good in all of us and I think I simply love people too much, so much that it makes me feel too fucking sad. The sad little sensitive, unappreciative, Pisces, Jesus man. Why don't you just enjoy it? I don't know I have a goddess of a wife who sweats ambition and empathy and a daughter who reminds me too much of what I used to be, full of love and joy, kissing every person she meets because everyone is good and will do her no harm. And that terrifies me to the point where I can barely function. I can't stand the thought of Frances becoming the miserable, self-destructive, death rocker that I've become. I have it good, very good, and I'm grateful, but since the age of seven, I've become hateful towards all humans in general. Only because it seems so easy for people to get along and have empathy. Only because I love and feel sorry for people too much I guess. Thank you all from the pit of my burning, nauseous stomach for your letters and concern during the past years. I'm too much of an erratic, moody, baby! I don't have the passion anymore, and so remember, it's better to burn out then to fade away. Peace, Love, Empathy. Kurt Cobain. Frances and Courtney, I'll be at your altar. Please keep going Courtney, for Frances, for her life will be so much happier without me. I LOVE YOU. I LOVE YOU. Chris Uggen – Sociology 4111

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II. Are physical disabilities deviant?

- **Deviance** as departure from norms that elicit disapproval or negative sanctions
- **Physical Disability** as loss of function accompanying a physical impairment
 - A **condition** rather than a behavior
 - **Ascribed** rather than achieved (typically)
 - A **master status** that overrides other characteristics
- **Social construction of disability**
 - Fluctuating definitions of blindness, deafness, mental retardation, obesity

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norms and reactions

- **Appearance norms**
 - Health, youth, beauty, independence
 - Historical and cross-national variation
- **Statuses viewed as fixed**
 - Pity or fear reactions
 - Blindness
 - Mental Retardation
 - Physical Disability (Leviticus quote: p. 466)
- **Statuses viewed as changing**
 - Moralistic reactions
 - Obesity (height/weight - Met Life in 1940s)
 - Stuttering (?)
- **Tattooing and piercing as deviant physical characteristics, but not disability**

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disability and the “sick role”

- The **sick role** exempts one from:
 - **responsibility** for one’s own condition
 - normal role **obligations** and responsibilities
- Imposes **new** expectations to:
 - define the role as undesirable
 - facilitate own recovery
- A **career** sequence or process
 - Self-concept shaped in interaction, including professionals and subcultures/communities
 - Parallels Kubler-Ross 1969 on dying: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance and adjustment
 - **Correlation** with depression, stress

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stigma management

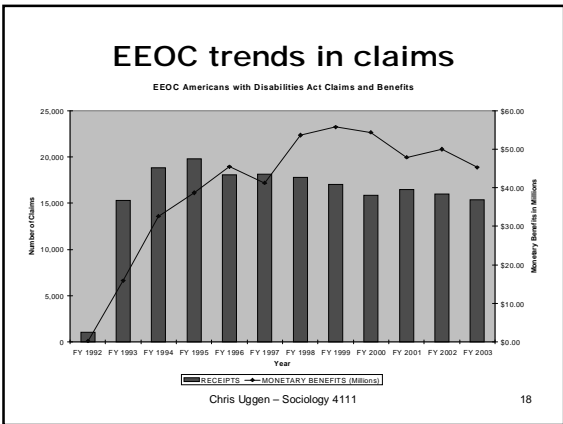
- **Passing**
 - disguise disability
- **Normalizing**
 - minimize disability
- **Coping**
 - sarcasm, avoidance, levity
- **Dissociation**
 - avoid social contact, positive or negative
- **Others?**

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ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

- Physical or mental impairments define a “protected class” with civil rights protections
 - **INCLUDES:** speech, hearing, MD, MS, retardation, drug addiction, heart disease
 - **EXCLUDES:** gambling, kleptomania, current illegal drug use
- Employers must make “**reasonable accommodation**” to the disabled person’s condition
 - E.g., teaching a blind student at U of M

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EEOC BENEFITS 1992-2003 BY IMPAIRMENT BASIS					
IMPAIRMENT BASIS*	CUMULATIVE TOTAL (7/28/92 - 3/31/03)		CUMULATIVE TOTAL (7/28/92 - 3/31/03)		
	dollar benefits	people			
OTHER DISABILITY	\$103,489,882	8,440	CUMULATIVE TRAUMA DISORDER	\$4,204,888	274
ORTHOPEDIC AND STRUCTURAL IMPAIRMENTS OF THE BACK	\$86,932,648	3,703	KIDNEY IMPAIRMENT	\$4,114,308	222
REGARDED AS DISABLED	\$59,733,225	3,705	MISSING DIGITS OR LIMBS	\$3,616,312	243
NON-PARALYTIC ORTHOPEDIC IMPAIRMENT	\$46,339,492	2,043	OTHER RESPIRATORY - PULMONARY DISORDERS	\$3,643,424	193
HEART CARDIOVASCULAR IMPAIRMENTS	\$36,160,043	1,104	RELATIONSHIP-ASSOCIATION	\$3,322,851	233
DEPRESSION	\$28,845,894	14,711	PARALYSIS	\$3,484,602	203
HIV	\$24,494,781	2,315	GASTROINTESTINAL IMPAIRMENTS	\$3,382,176	322
CANCER	\$20,788,051	788	BRAIN-HEAD IMPAIRMENT	\$3,165,146	146
RECORD OF DISABILITY	\$19,750,903	1,124	DRUG ADDICTION	\$2,774,292	186
OTHER PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS	\$15,724,298	792	BRAIN-HEAD INJURY - TRAUMATIC	\$2,351,436	157
DIABETES	\$15,249,836	1,187	ALLERGIES	\$1,988,300	162
ANXIETY DISORDER	\$15,024,069	733	SPEECH IMPAIRMENT	\$1,879,846	146
OTHER NEUROLOGICAL IMPAIRMENTS	\$14,478,545	659	MENTAL RETARDATION	\$1,494,485	136
VISION IMPAIRMENT	\$10,096,762	1,093	CEREBRAL PALSY	\$1,472,704	168
HEARING IMPAIRMENT	\$10,732,793	1,121	DISFIGUREMENT	\$1,314,092	63
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS	\$9,688,760	327	CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY	\$1,209,602	77
MANIC DEPRESSIVE DISORDER	\$6,679,924	777	SCHIZOPHRENIA	\$908,017	73
ALCOHOLISM	\$6,423,450	382	DWARFISM	\$275,960	16
EPILEPSY	\$6,000,000	420	TUBERCULOSIS	\$189,191	10
ASTHMA	\$5,708,123	473	CYSTIC FIBROSIS	\$135,708	7
LEARNING DISABILITIES	\$4,378,368	355	AUTISM	\$83,484	10
OTHER BLOOD DISORDERS	\$4,423,036	288	ALZHEIMERS	\$69,109	3
			TOTAL	\$481,983,835	33,452

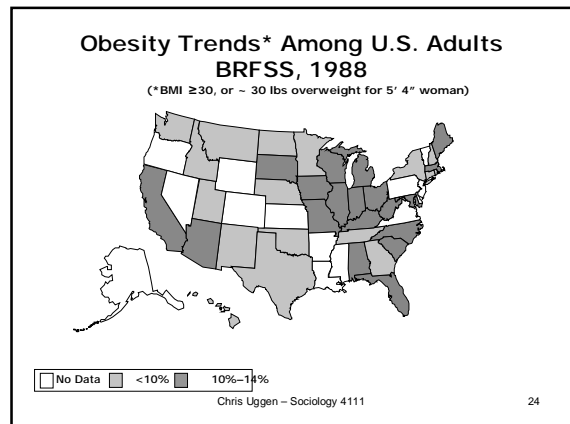
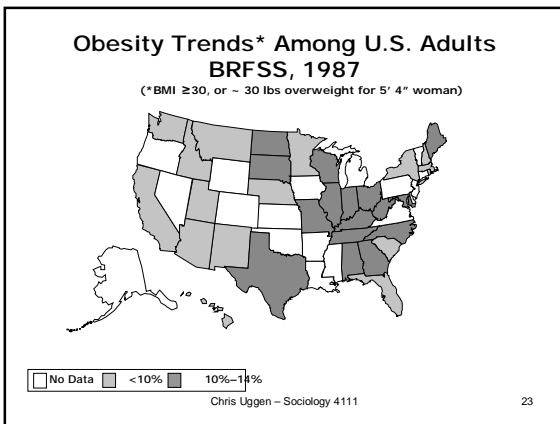
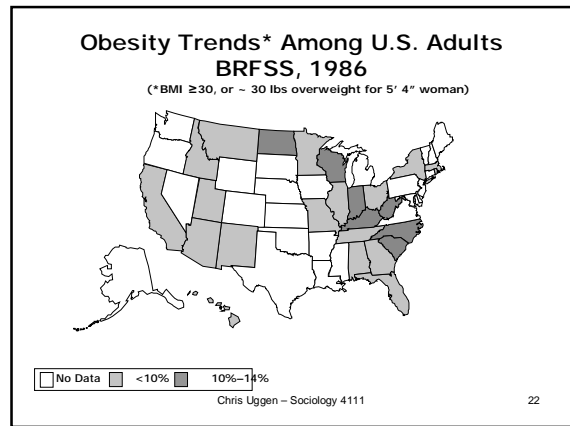
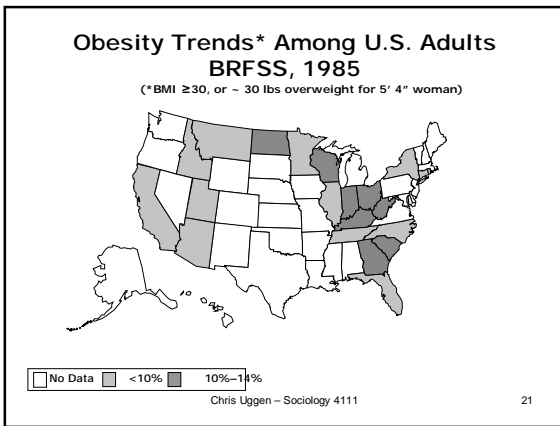
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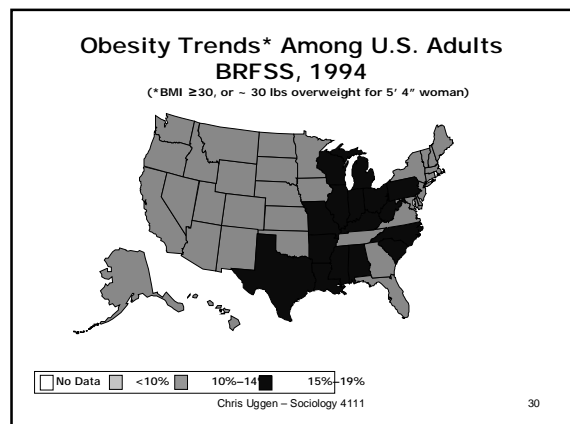
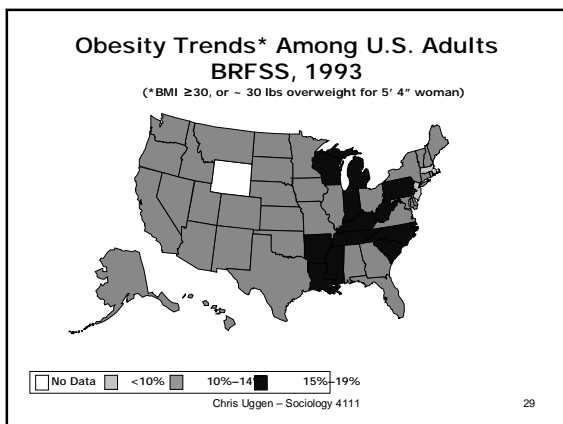
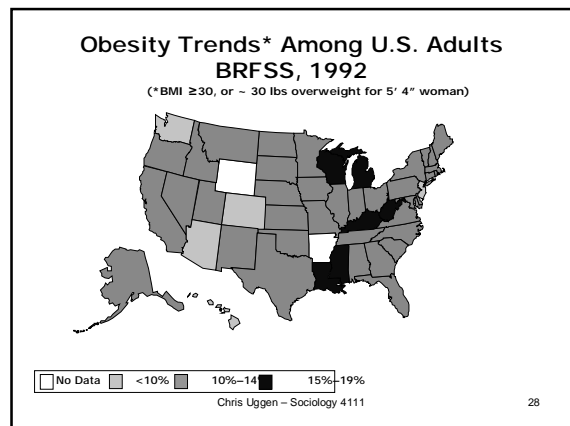
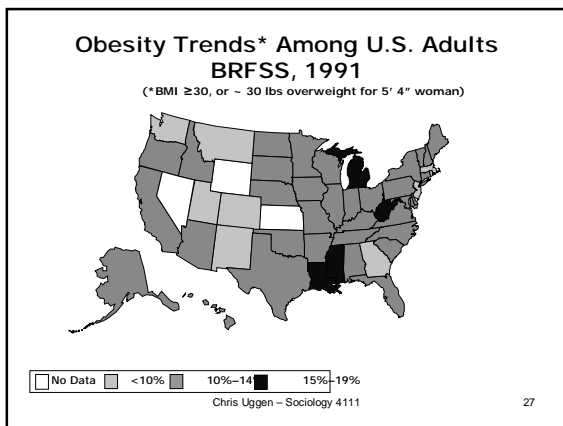
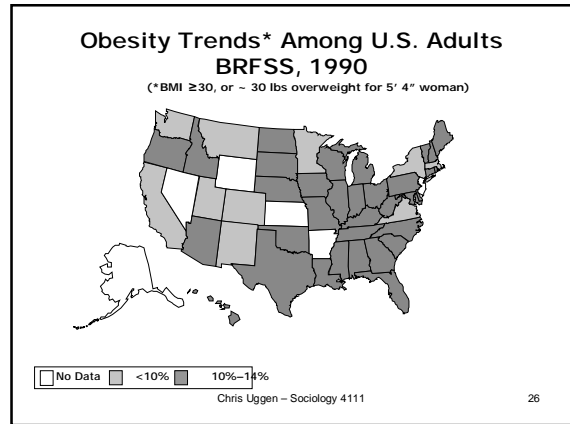
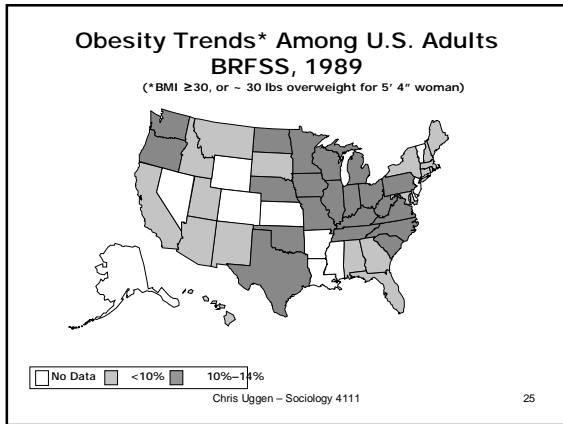
CDC and construction of obesity

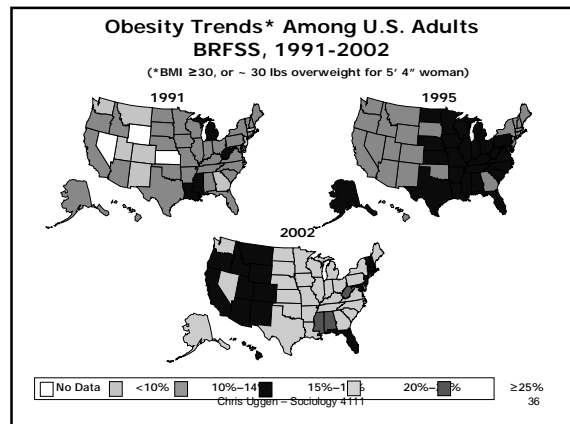
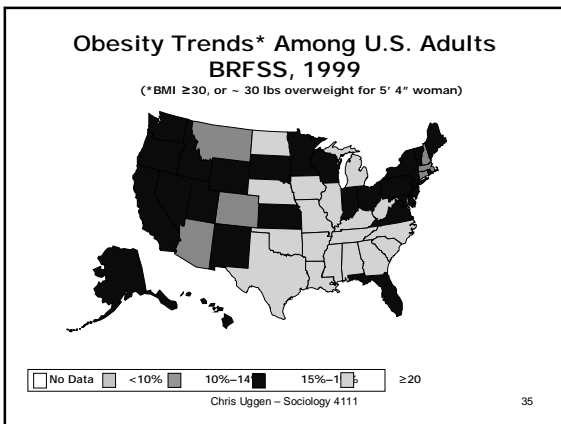
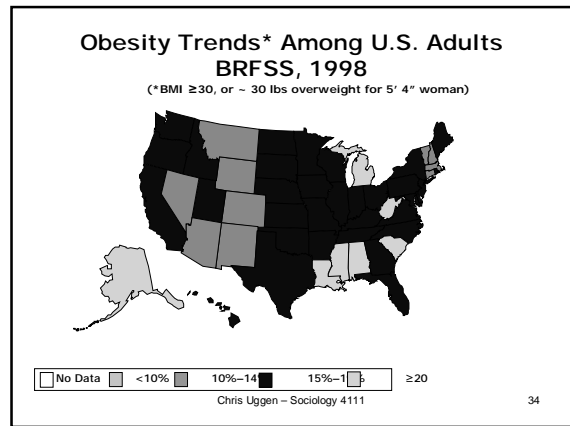
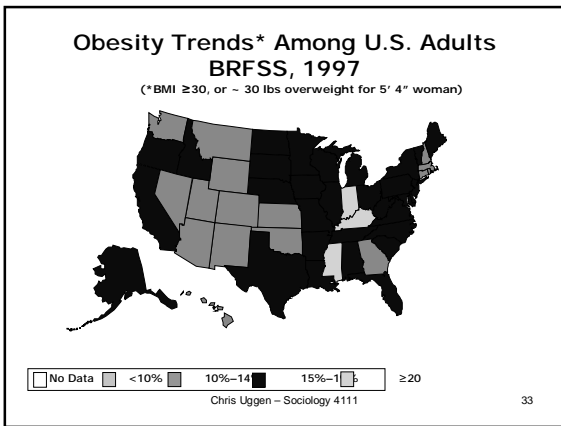
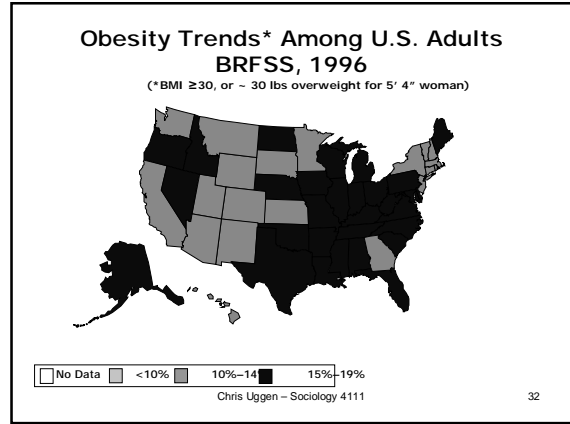
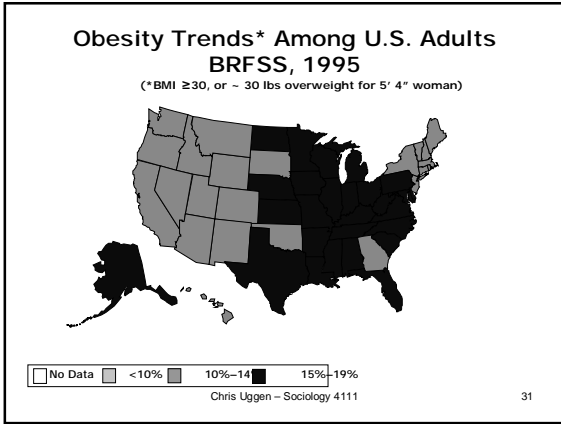
Norms and Definitions (CDC-medical)
Obesity: a very high amount of body fat in relation to lean body mass, or Body Mass Index (BMI) of 30 or higher

- BMI = $\frac{\text{Weight in Pounds}}{(\text{Height in inches})^2} \times 703$
- Labels:
 - Underweight if < 18.5
 - Normal if 18.5 - 24.9
 - Overweight if 25 - 29.9
 - Obese if 30 +
- Uggen at 24.7

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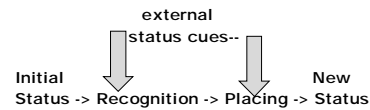
Degher & Hughes, The "Fat" Identity

- Social construction at individual level
 - Obesity as setting to study identity change
- Method?
 - Combining 2 qualitative approaches
 - Who participated?
- Theory: Social-Psychological Model of Identity Change
 - External public dimension (soc)
 - Internal cognitive dimension (psych)

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model of identity change



- Status cues can be active (namecalling) or passive
 - Recognizing that current status is problematic
 - Placing self in a more appropriate status (big range)
- New status - internalization of new self-concept (fat)
- Isn't the status self-evident, or obvious?
- What other deviant identities might follow this process? Alcoholic?

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Next

- *Managing Stigma*
 - Adler & Adler: VII. Stigma Management pp. 289-291
 - Martin, Stigma Management pp. 315-333
 - Park, Stigma and Childlessness, pp. 304-314

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