

**Collective Behavior and Social Movements**  
**Preliminary Examination Reading List**  
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*Introduction and Overview*

Note: read as many of the following as necessary in this section to familiarize yourself with the major concepts, definitions, debates, developments, issues, methods, theoretical paradigms, etc. in the field. If in doubt, read all of them. It is highly recommended that you read them in chronological order (oldest first, newest last) so you can understand the growth of the field. However, for convenience in retrieving citations, they are listed alphabetically within each section.

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