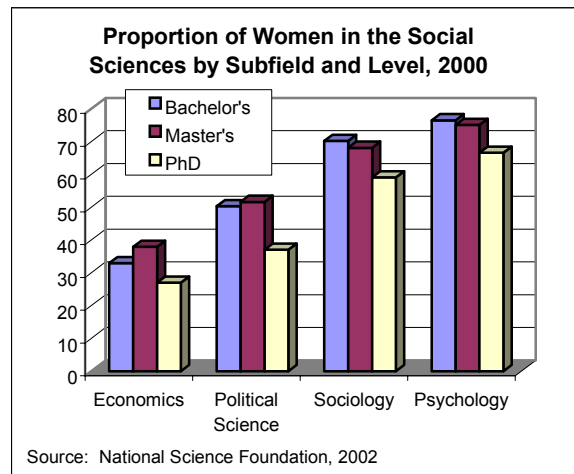
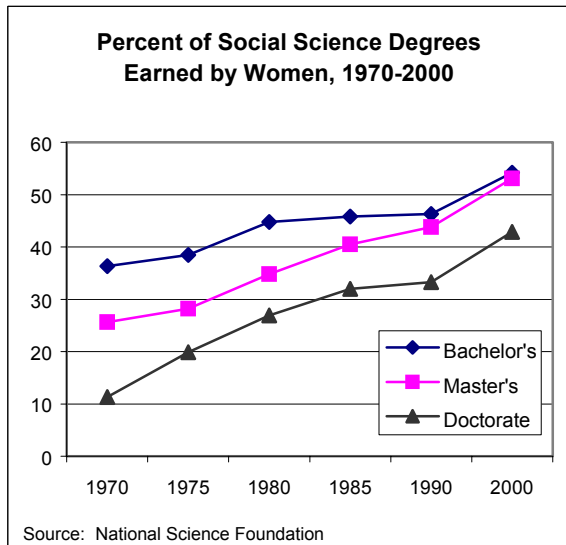


CHAPTER 9 – SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Women continue to increase their proportion of degrees earned in the social sciences at all three degree levels. As shown in the accompanying chart, women earned more than half of the bachelor's and master's degrees conferred and nearly 43% of the PhDs awarded in 2000. Other findings in this section include:

- Psychology has become more and more populated by women. From 1970 through 2000, women increased their proportion of the bachelor's degrees conferred from 42.3% to 76.5%, their proportion of the master's degrees from 33.3% to 75.1% and their proportion of the doctorates from 22.7% to 66.6%. Women's representation in the other major social science groups by level is shown in the chart below.



- Underrepresented minorities are more likely to have earned degrees in the social sciences, including psychology, than the other fields of science and engineering. Looking only at U.S. citizens and permanent residents in 2000, underrepresented minorities earned 18.4% of the bachelor's, 15.8% of the master's, and 12.2% of the doctorates in the social sciences.

- Looking at specific social science fields for PhDs, among U.S. citizens and permanent residents, underrepresented minorities earned 9.9% of the doctoral degrees in anthropology, 19.9% of the PhD degrees in sociology, 10.4% of the doctorates in political science and 8.0% of the doctorates conferred in economics in 2000 as shown in the accompanying chart.

