Representations of the Alternative Press in Academic Library Collections

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This study uses the list of periodicals indexed by Alternative Press Index to examine the holdings rates of alternative press titles in U.S. ARL libraries. Holdings rates are examined by library, by title, and by subject category. Alternative press titles are not widely held in U.S. ARL libraries. Titles falling into categories such as leftist/Marxist politics, gay/lesbian, and labor are particularly underrepresented in library holdings, as are titles that are newsletters or magazines. The impact of these low holdings rates on scholars, students, and archival library collections is discussed.

The importance of a free press to democracy is a frequently repeated sentiment among librarians. Articles in library journals often address issues of censorship and the representation of all viewpoints on controversial issues. One aspect of the freedom of the press that has been little discussed, however, is the actual place of the alternative press in library collections. According to Ellen E. Embardao, “alternative publications constitute primary research materials, providing an invaluable record of social and political movements for radical change.”1 How well are academic libraries meeting the need for scholarly access to alternative press titles? This study uses the list of periodicals indexed by Alternative Press Index to examine the holdings rates of alternative press titles in ARL libraries.

Literature Review

Impact of Selection Strategies on Alternative Press Holdings

Librarians work within limited budgets and must be selective in making periodical purchases. Selection implies some judgment of a periodical’s value. One common measure of periodical value is citation rates, which yield numerical measures that can be used to justify the acquisition or cancellation of particular titles. According to Thomas E. Nisonger, citation analysis is based on the assumption that documents cited by a researcher have been used in the research process. . . . Major uses of citation analysis pertinent to collection evaluation include identifying the core collection, using citations as a checklist, ranking journals, and analyzing a discipline’s structure to

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assist collection management decision making.\footnote{2}

It seems logical that citation analysis should allow identification of titles that are absolutely central to a discipline or topic. Thura Mack, for instance, found citation analysis useful in identifying a core of women’s studies periodicals, and a number of studies use citation analysis in this way.\footnote{3} But reliance on usage of periodicals as demonstrated through their rate of citation can have a narrowing impact on academic collections.

Anna H. Perrault’s examination of changes in ARL library holdings from 1985 to 1989 revealed a definite increase in homogeneity among these libraries.\footnote{4} Her findings included "a decrease in the percentage of unique titles in many subject areas, and an increased concentration on core materials."

Periodical citation measures are related to factors other than the value of periodical content. For a periodical to be cited, its contents must be made accessible through one or more indexes. That index must be available to researchers. The periodical itself then must be available either locally or through interlibrary loan.

This points up two potential weak links: A periodical may not be indexed or, if indexed, may not be held widely enough to be readily available. First, periodicals that are unindexed are less available to scholars for citation. Indexing increases the likelihood that a periodical will be purchased by libraries because it brings titles to the attention of librarians. This creates a catch-22 situation: A periodical that is unindexed, whether due to newness, content out of the mainstream, or lack of a significant content, is equally unlikely to register on selector librarians’ radar. These periodicals are then uncited—their ideas lost to scholars, no matter how relevant the ideas may be to the scholarly enterprise at hand or to society at large.

Second, periodicals that are difficult to obtain cannot be cited. Danny P. Wallace and Bert R. Boyce identified a significant relationship between holdings and some citation measures in some subject areas.\footnote{5} Although the relationship over all eight subjects they examined is variable and sometimes weak, the existence of any relationship at all highlights the difficulties of relying too heavily on citation analysis for broad selection.

Studies of Bias in Library Collections

A less measurable aspect of periodical value is contained in the ideas it presents. The role of libraries in promoting pluralism is cited often as central to the role of libraries in a democratic society. It is impossible to have a meaningful discussion on issues of the day without access to a broad representation of the viewpoints held in society at large. A periodical that brings a specific viewpoint to a collection thus can have a value that cannot be measured by the frequency with which it is cited. The question of bias in library collections is therefore an important one for a democratic society.

In a preliminary study of bias in collection development, Stephen L. Hupp examined the holdings of liberal and conservative books in the academic, public, and special libraries of Ohio.\footnote{6} Although the focus of this research was on identifying political bias in library collections, Hupp conclude that “the state’s libraries have done a poor job in collecting controversial political materials.” In his follow-up study, he compared the holdings of five sets of periodical titles, including a set of periodicals representing an alternative perspective. Holdings of alternative periodicals lagged behind holdings...
of liberal or conservative titles. Hupp found that this alternative sample “is represented more fully in public libraries than in academic . . . [and] this indicates a greater willingness among such libraries to include these periodical titles in their collections.” Yet one might expect academic library collections to provide the basis for scholarship and analysis of ideas in a society, and to bring a historical understanding of the development of those ideas.

This research also was designed to determine the relative holdings of alternative press titles in particular subject areas.

In another examination of the question of bias, this time in the college collection, Robert L. Houbeck Jr. discussed the place of periodicals of opinion in academic libraries. He found that academic libraries have been “even-handed” in their selection of periodicals representing conservative and liberal views. He notes:

Those of us in higher education talk frequently about the importance of teaching our students how to think. We also need occasionally to give them something to think about. Journals of opinion fill precisely that role, and in a lively and concise format. We need to provide our students with opportunities to encounter ideas. That means first buying a range of titles such as these.9

In a discussion of the Alternative Press Collection at the University of Connecticut, Embardo buttressed this point in her observation that “despite occasional uses of the [Alternative Press Collection] for extensive research, most patrons are students consulting specific titles in preparation for term papers or, more often, are fulfilling a widespread English 109 assignment requiring the use of ‘alternative’ viewpoints on contemporary issues.”

Embardo also points out the time sensitivity of these materials: “once acquired, the material must be swiftly organized and made accessible. The alternative press must be timely to serve those constituencies needing today’s questions to provide tomorrow’s answers.” Libraries that lack alternative press titles force scholars to choose between working with a time lag—the time it takes for a published article to be indexed by an indexing service, plus the time to get the article through interlibrary loan—and purchasing personal subscriptions to their research materials.

Research Questions
This study, rather than comparing conservative and liberal titles in order to identify potential collection bias, looks directly at the alternative press. It asks, How widely are nonmainstream (alternative) periodicals held in academic libraries? That is, to what extent do academic libraries bring nonmainstream ideas to the educational or scholarly table? On the face of it, it seems that periodicals identified as core academic titles were more likely to be in the mainstream, representing widely held social and political views (whether conservative or liberal) than they were to present alternative approaches. If conservative and liberal periodicals of opinion are not widely held by academic libraries, what is the status of alternative periodicals?

This research also was designed to determine the relative holdings of alternative press titles in particular subject areas. It is possible that some topics are better represented than others, and it would be useful for librarians evaluating their collections in terms of bias to be aware of areas of systemic weakness.

Methodology
The first task was to identify a standard list of alternative press titles whose hold-
representations could be searched. *Alternative Press Index* (API) is described by one reviewer as a title that "should be part of any collection seeking to offer access to varied points of view." At the time of this research, *API* indexed 220 periodicals. The index itself was held by eighty-eight ARL libraries, or 88 percent, and seemed to be a reasonable source for the identification of periodical titles for this study.

A list of the titles indexed in *API* was taken from volume 27, no. 1 (1996) of the index. A list of the ARL member libraries as of January 1995 was obtained and OCLC holdings for those libraries identified. Holdings were examined by institution rather than by libraries, so the OCLC holdings symbols for associated law libraries and satellite campuses were added accordingly. All OCLC symbols were acquired from the *List of OCLC Participating Institutions*.

The symbols were put in order, first by state and then alphabetically by symbol. This arrangement greatly facilitated reading the OCLC holdings printouts because it was only necessary to search through each state’s holdings once for the represented libraries.

The researchers searched OCLC by ISSN and by title to gather holdings data. For the purposes of this study, the holdings of a given institution were identified based on the holdings of all its constituent libraries. For example, if a university’s law library held a title but its main library did not, the title was counted as held by that institution nonetheless. Because the authors were tallying titles held, and not number of copies held, institutions holding more than one copy of a title were only counted as holding the title once. After compiling holdings information from OCLC printouts, the data were entered into an Excel spreadsheet and the results collated by several variables.

First, the titles were arranged in alphabetical order, and their respective holdings were entered. This allowed the authors to take raw counts of the number of libraries holding any given title and the total *API* titles held by each library. If this percentage was ten percent or lower, the library was called to ascertain whether serial holdings were placed in OCLC or whether another reason existed for the low percentage. In the case of a few specialized libraries, the area of specialization was such as to logically preclude holding titles from *API*. For instance, Linda Hall Library collects exclusively in the area of science and technology and, with few exceptions, would not be expected to own the titles covered by this index. In the case of some other libraries, holdings no longer are being added to OCLC, but to RLIN instead. Because the extremely low holdings rates indicated for Canadian ARL libraries would skew the data, they were dropped from the sample, leaving data for the 104 U.S. ARL libraries.

To allow examination of holdings by subject area, titles next were arranged by the subject headings used in *API*. Because the subject terms used by the index were quite specific, sometimes with only one title for a given heading, headings were clustered into broader groups. These subject clusters are given in table 1 (see pp. 372–374). Because many titles were indexed under multiple subject terms, a sizeable number of the titles ended up in more than one of the broad groupings. Then these clusters were analyzed using an analysis of variance test and grouped into ranges using Duncan’s Multiple Range Test (in SAS) to determine if specific subject areas were differentially represented in U.S. ARL libraries’ holdings.

Finally, titles were separated into two groups based on their designation in *API* as journals or newsletters/magazines. Holdings by type of title then were compared to determine if a title’s holdings could be related to its format.

**Results and Discussion**

**Overall results**

The overall results were discouraging. The percentage of *API* periodicals held
TABLE 2

Holdings of Alternative Press Titles in U.S. ARL Libraries, by Institution

| Institution (OCLC symbol) | Number of Titles Held | Percent Held | Institution (OCLC symbol) | Number of Titles Held | Percent Held |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| IWA                       | 59                    | 27%          | MUB, UMC, LUM             | 112                   | 51           |
| NUI, LUI                  | 115                   | 52           | EEM                       | 140                   | 64           |
| AAA                       | 40                    | 18           | EYM, MI                   | 134                   | 65           |
| ABC, ALM, AUL             | 61                    | 28           | EYW                       | 73                    | 33           |
| AZS, AZC                  | 87                    | 40           | MNU, MLL                  | 103                   | 47           |
| AZU, AZL                  | 76                    | 35           | LHL                       | 0                     | 0            |
| CLI                       | 146                   | 66           | MU, LUM                   | 67                    | 30           |
| CRU                       | 51                    | 23           | WTU, WUL                  | 69                    | 31           |
| CSL, ZZX                  | 80                    | 36           | NDD, NDL                  | 103                   | 47           |
| CUI                       | 61                    | 28           | NOC, NDO                  | 102                   | 46           |
| CUS                       | 105                   | 48           | NRC                       | 49                    | 22           |
| CUT                       | 85                    | 39           | LDL, LLL                  | 55                    | 25           |
| CUV                       | 17                    | 8            | DRB                       | 64                    | 29           |
| CUY, BOL                  | 84                    | 38           | NJR                       | 46                    | 21           |
| STF                       | 101                   | 46           | PUL                       | 94                    | 43           |
| COD, UCX                  | 114                   | 52           | IQU, NML                  | 68                    | 31           |
| COF                       | 72                    | 33           | BUF, SBL                  | 93                    | 42           |
| UCW, UCL                  | 156                   | 71           | COO                       | 63                    | 29           |
| YUS, CXR                  | 47                    | 21           | NAM                       | 69                    | 31           |
| DGU, GUL                  | 53                    | 24           | NYG                       | 38                    | 17           |
| DLUH, HLL                 | 83                    | 38           | NYP                       | 159                   | 72           |
| DLC                       | 148                   | 67           | RRR                       | 66                    | 30           |
| SMI                       | 17                    | 8            | SYB, SYL                  | 90                    | 41           |
| DLM                       | 89                    | 40           | YSM                       | 69                    | 31           |
| FDA, FSL                  | 86                    | 39           | ZCU, ZCL                  | 93                    | 42           |
| FOG, FML                  | 62                    | 28           | ZYU, YLS                  | 11                    | 5            |
| FUG, FUB                  | 87                    | 40           | CIN, DML                  | 67                    | 30           |
| EMU, EMK                  | 64                    | 29           | CWR, CWL                  | 34                    | 15           |
| GAT                       | 18                    | 8            | KSU                       | 48                    | 22           |
| GUA, GUB                  | 82                    | 37           | OSU, OHL                  | 98                    | 45           |
| HUH, HLR                  | 73                    | 33           | OKS                       | 52                    | 24           |
| CGU, KEN                  | 68                    | 31           | OKU, OKL                  | 54                    | 25           |
| CRL                       | 13                    | 6            | ORU, UOL                  | 93                    | 42           |
| JAY                       | 25                    | 11           | PAU, PLL                  | 55                    | 25           |
| INU, JNL                  | 98                    | 45           | PIT, PLA                  | 105                   | 48           |
| SOL, SOL                  | 86                    | 39           | TEU                       | 113                   | 51           |
| UIU                       | 95                    | 43           | UPM                       | 103                   | 47           |
| IND, XND                  | 72                    | 33           | RBN                       | 63                    | 29           |
| IPL                       | 71                    | 32           | SU, SLW                   | 63                    | 29           |
| IUP, IUL, IUB             | 118                   | 54           | TIC, TIL                  | 63                    | 29           |
| KKU, KFL                  | 92                    | 42           | TKN, TLK                  | 67                    | 30           |
| KUK                       | 78                    | 35           | TXA                       | 101                   | 46           |
| LUR, LRL                  | 71                    | 32           | RCE                       | 21                    | 10           |
| LUU, LUL                  | 37                    | 17           | TXA                       | 52                    | 24           |
| AUM                       | 82                    | 37           | TXH, THL                  | 49                    | 22           |
| BOS, BOP                  | 63                    | 29           | UBY, UTY                  | 44                    | 20           |
| BRL                       | 28                    | 13           | UUM                       | 78                    | 35           |
| HUL, HVL                  | 133                   | 60           | VA, VAL                   | 70                    | 32           |
| MYG                       | 59                    | 27           | VPI                       | 73                    | 33           |
| AGU                       | 11                    | 5            | NTE                       | 95                    | 43           |
| JHE                       | 57                    | 26           | WAU                       | 80                    | 36           |
| NLM                       | 3                     | 1            | GZM, GZL                  | 128                   | 58           |
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TABLE 4
Holdings by Subject Clusters (Raw Data)

| Subject Area                | No. of Titles | Total Holdings | Aver No. of Holdings Libraries per Title |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Activism                    | 11            | 175            | 1.6                                     |
| Animal Rights               | 1             | 53             | 0.5                                     |
| Arts                        | 12            | 512            | 4.7                                     |
| Ecology                     | 20            | 456            | 4.2                                     |
| Economics                   | 9             | 323            | 3.0                                     |
| Education                   | 9             | 224            | 2.1                                     |
| Food                        | 3             | 19             | 0.2                                     |
| Gay/Lesbian                 | 5             | 144            | 1.3                                     |
| Geography/Area Studies      | 45            | 1631           | 15.1                                    |
| Health                      | 9             | 323            | 3.0                                     |
| Human Rights                | 16            | 606            | 5.6                                     |
| Intelligence Agencies       | 1             | 4              | 0.0                                     |
| Labor                       | 8             | 219            | 2.0                                     |
| Leftist Politics            | 38            | 1115           | 10.3                                    |
| Media                       | 19            | 773            | 7.2                                     |
| Military/Peace/International Relations
| People                      | 51            | 2235           | 20.7                                    |
| People of Color/Native Peoples |
| Social Sciences and Humanities
| Sociology                   | 8             | 538            | 5.0                                     |
| Sports                      | 1             | 57             | 0.5                                     |
| Technology                  | 3             | 46             | 0.4                                     |
| Women                       | 31            | 1522           | 14.1                                    |

are presented, by library, in table 2. The percentage held in a given library varied from zero percent (Linda Hall Library) to 71 percent (University of Connecticut Library) and 72 percent (New York Public Library), with sixty-nine of the libraries' holdings rates below 40 percent. Only twelve libraries had holdings rates above 50 percent.

Individual periodicals’ holding rates are given in table 3 (see pp. 375–377). These percentages also varied widely, from zero percent (e.g., Challenge, Journal of Prisoners on Prisons) to 88 percent (The Nation). The spread of holdings rates by title also was clustered toward the lower end. Only thirty-seven titles (17% of the total 220) were held by 70 percent or more of the libraries studied, whereas 139 of the 220 titles (63%) were held by less than 40 percent of U.S. ARL libraries.

Some library collections have a very specific focus (e.g., Linda Hall Library, as mentioned above; the National Library of Medicine, etc.). These libraries logically enough do not hold high numbers of alternative press titles. In addition, some of these titles (e.g., Critique: Journal for Critical Studies of the Middle East; Genewatch) are very narrow, and their low rates of holding among ARL libraries as a whole are not that surprising. Nonetheless, the level of access provided to the alternative press in ARL libraries is demonstrably quite low.
### TABLE 5
**Analysis of Holdings by Subject Cluster**

| Subject Category                      | Mean  | Duncan Grouping |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Sociology                             | 0.64663 | X               |
| Sports                                | 0.54808 | X               |
| Animal Rights                         | 0.50962 | X X             |
| Women                                 | 0.47208 | X X             |
| Arts                                  | 0.41026 | X X             |
| People of Color/ Native Peoples       | 0.40734 | X X X           |
| Social Sciences and Humanities        | 0.39744 | X X             |
| People                                | 0.39461 | X X             |
| Media                                 | 0.39119 | X X             |
| Human Rights                          | 0.36418 | X X             |
| Economics                             | 0.34509 | X X X           |
| Geography/Area Studies                | 0.33269 | X X X           |
| Leftist/Marxist Politics              | 0.28214 | X X X           |
| Gay/Lesbian                           | 0.27692 | X X X           |
| Labor                                 | 0.26322 | X X             |
| Education                             | 0.26068 | X X             |
| Ecology                               | 0.21923 | X X             |
| Military/Peace Studies/ International Relations | 0.17188 | X               |
| Health                                | 0.16827 | X               |
| Activism                              | 0.15297 | X               |
| Technology                            | 0.14742 | X               |
| Food                                  | 0.06090 | X               |
| Intelligence                          | 0.03846 | X               |

### Results by Subject

The authors’ questions about holdings by subject proved to be well founded. They discovered a fairly wide variance in holdings among the subject clusters. The raw data are given in table 4, and the results of the Duncan’s Multiple Range Test are given in table 5.

Table 5 presents the subject categories in order, from those most likely to be held to those least likely to be held. There were significant differences in holdings rates for the different subject categories. Categories sharing one or more Duncan Grouping, indicated by X in the right-hand columns, were not significantly different from one another. For example, the titles in the category of Women had a holdings rate that was not significantly different from the holdings rate for titles in the category of Arts, as both are in the D group. But there are significant differences between the holdings rate for the titles in the Women category (C,D) and the holdings rate for titles in Sociology (A only).

Some of the categories near the bottom contained so few titles that it is difficult
to come to meaningful conclusions about their holdings rates. But it also is clear from these data that periodicals in certain categories consistently are underrepresented in U.S. ARL library collections, even within the ranks of alternative periodicals. Titles in the areas of leftist/Marxist politics, gay and lesbian titles, and alternative titles in labor, education, and ecology are all underrepresented. This reinforces the findings of Hupp and undermines somewhat the political claim that American universities are hotbeds of radical leftist thought.

**Results by Type of Publication**
A comparison of the holdings rates for journals and newsletters/magazines in the sample revealed that libraries were significantly more likely to collect journals than newsletters (see table 6). This is hardly an astonishing discovery but at the very least raises concern about archiving for future research uses.

**Conclusion**
Periodicals that are indexed, but not held, require that library users be willing to request desired articles through some form of document delivery and then to wait for them to arrive. Holding API is one step toward providing access, but holding the periodical locally is another. In addition, when a periodical is held rarely, from where will we get that document delivered?

Further research needs to be conducted on the feasibility of expanding our national holdings of these titles, perhaps through a cooperative regional approach to collection development. The least-represented topical areas in particular need to be examined if we are to work toward representing all viewpoints in libraries. For alternative views to contribute to the democratic discussion in our society, these ideas at least must be available to those wrestling with the problems and issues of that society. The periodicals representing these ideas must not only be indexed, but also must be held in research library collections.

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### TABLE 1
Alternative Press Periodical Titles by Subject Cluster

| Subject Cluster | Alternative Press Periodical Titles |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Activism (11 titles) | Permaculture Activist (no OCLC record)  
Powerline  
Raise the Stakes  
Raw Materials Report  
Society and Nature  
Women and Environments  
The Workbook (no OCLC record) |
| Subject headings: organizing, housing, citizen activism, political activism, boycotts, economic alternatives  
Boycott Quarterly  
Breakthrough  
City Limits  
Common Cause  
Co-op America Quarterly  
Grassroots Fundraising Journal  
Neighborhood Works  
Organizing  
Public Citizen  
Shelterforce  
Third Force |
| Animal Rights (1 title) | Animals' Agenda |
| Subject heading: animal rights |
| The Arts (12 titles) | Bankcheck  
Business Ethics  
Capital and Class  
Dollars and Sense  
Economics Notes  
Left Business Observer  
Review of African Political Economy  
Review of Radical Political Economics  
Studies in Political Economy |
| Subject headings: literature, art, film, culture & politics  
Borderlines  
Camera Obscura  
Cineaste  
Critical Arts  
Fuse  
Heresies  
Independent  
Jump Cut  
Lambda Book Report  
Left Curve  
Red Bass  
Women's Review of Books |
| Education (9 titles) | Critical Arts  
Feminist Teacher  
Holistic Education Review  
Our Schools/Ourselves  
Progressive Librarian  
Radical Teacher  
Rethinking Schools  
Women's Education/Education des Femmes  
Women's Studies Quarterly |
| Subject headings: education, library studies  
Critical Arts  
Feminist Teacher  
Holistic Education Review  
Our Schools/Ourselves  
Progressive Librarian  
Radical Teacher  
Rethinking Schools  
Women's Education/Education des Femmes  
Women's Studies Quarterly |
| Food (3 titles) | Vegetarian Voice  
World Hunger Year |
| Subject headings: agriculture, vegetarianism, food  
Permaculture Activist (no OCLC record)  
Vegetarian Voice  
World Hunger Year |
| Geography/Area Studies (45 titles) | Sue Brown  
Antipode  
Australian Feminist Studies  
The Bulletin of Concerned American Scholars  
Chain Reaction  
Challenge (no OCLC record)  
Chartist  
Critical Arts  
Critique: Journal of Critical Studies of the Middle East  
Cuba Update  
Feminist Review  
Free Associations  
Hecate  
History Workshop  
Journal of Palestine Studies  
Kick It Over  
Kinesis  
Labor, Capital and Society  
Labor/Le Travail  
Latin American Perspectives  
Middle East Report  
NACLA: A Report on the Americas  
New Catalyst  
New Left Review  
New Maritimes  
Our Schools/Ourselves  
Our Times  
Peace & Democracy  
Race and Class  
Review of African Political Economy  
Science as Culture  
South Asia Bulletin  
Southern Exposure |
| Subject headings: regional, Africa, Canada, Australia, Cuba, Asia/South Asia, England, Middle East, Iran, South Africa, Latin America, third world, Eastern Europe, geography |

| Subject headings: energy, environment, left ecology, social ecology, environmental justice  
Alternatives (Ontario, Canada)  
Amicus Journal  
Bogong (no OCLC record)  
Capitalism, Nature, Socialism  
Chain Reaction  
E: The Environmental Magazine  
Earth First!  
Earth Island Journal  
Ecologist  
Environmental Action  
Friends of the Earth  
New Catalyst  
No Sweat News (no OCLC record) |
### TABLE 1 (cont.)
**Alternative Press Periodical Titles by Subject Cluster**

| Cluster                                                                 | Titles                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Studies in Political Economy                                           | Political Analysis, SWP—England, International Viewpoint, Lies of Our Times, Media & Values, Mother Jones, Multinational Monitor, Nation, On the Issues, Progressive, Propaganda Review, Sipapu, St. Louis Journalism Review, This Magazine, Toward Freedom, Utne Reader, Z Magazine |
| Theory, Culture & Society                                              | Antipode, Briarpatch, Bulletin in Defense of Marxism, Chartist, Constellations, Critique (Glasgow, Scotland), Crossroads, Democratic Left, Dissent, Fifth Estate, Forward Motion, International Socialism, International Viewpoint, Kick It Over, Left Curve, Liberation and Marxism, Monthly Review, Nature, Society, and Thought, New Internationalist, New Left Review, New Political Science, New Politics, Our Generation, Political Affairs |
| This Magazine                                                          | Leftist/Marxist Politics cont.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Women and Environments                                                 | Radical America, Red Pepper, Rethinking Marxism, Science and Society, Social Alternatives, Social Anarchism, Social Text, Socialism and Democracy, Socialist Affairs, Socialist Review, Toward Freedom, Z Magazine |
| Women’s Education/Education Des                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Health (2 titles)                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject headings: health, alternative culture, Mothering, Nutrition Action Healthletter |
| Human Rights (16 titles)                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject headings: law, civil rights, human rights, disability rights, prisoners | Berkley Women’s Law Journal, California Prisoner, Covert Action Quarterly, Disability Rag, Guild Notes, Harvard Women’s Law Journal, Human Rights Internet Reporter, Index on Censorship, Journal of Prisoners on Prisons, Mouth, Our Right to Know, Prison News, Rights/Bill of Rights Journal, Social Justice, Women and Criminal Justice, Women’s Rights Law Reporter |
| Intelligence Agencies (1 title)                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject heading: intelligence agencies                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Unclassified                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Labor (8 titles)                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject headings: labor, international labor, IWW, and OHS            | Beyond Borders, Industrial Worker, Labor History, Labor Notes, Labor Research Review, Labor/Le Travail, New Solutions, Our Times                                                       |
| Intelligeiتص Agencies (1 title)                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject heading: intelligence agencies                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Unclassified                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Leftist/Marxist Politics (38 titles)                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject headings: Worker’s World Party, CPUSA, DSA, Second International, Political Theory, Leftist/Marxist Politics cont. | Activism America, Red Pepper, Rethinking Marxism, Science and Society, Social Alternatives, Social Anarchism, Social Text, Socialism and Democracy, Socialist Affairs, Socialist Review, Toward Freedom, Z Magazine |
| Media (19 titles)                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject headings: alternative press, alternative media, media, news, international news and analysis | Alternative Press Review, Community Media Review, Extra, In These Times |
| People (51 titles)                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Subject headings: native peoples, Native American, alternative culture, multiculturalism, gay/lesbian, people of color, Black, Jewish culture, seniors, working women, women, women’s history | Abya Yala News, Advocate, Akwe:Kon Journal, Akwesasne Notes, Atlantis, Australian Feminist Studies, Berkeley Women’s Law Journal, Black Scholar, BLK, Camera Obscura, Changing Men, Colors, Conexiones, Cultural Survival Quarterly, Daybreak, Feminist Issues, Feminist Studies |
### TABLE 1 (cont.)

**Alternative Press Periodical Titles by Subject Cluster**

| Feminist Teacher | BLK | Subject heading: sports |
|------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| Gray Panther Network | Colors | Journal of Sport and Social Issues |
| Harvard Women’s Law Journal | Cultural Survival Quarterly | |
| Hecate | Daybreak | |
| Heresies | Race and Class | |
| Hypatia | Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black | |
| In Context | Women | |
| Journal of Women’s History | Third Force | |
| Kick It Over | Social Sciences and Humanities | (15 titles) |
| Kinesis | | |
| Lambda Book Report | | |
| Lesbian Contradiction | | |
| Mothering | | |
| Off Our Backs | | |
| Peace & Freedom | | |
| Race and Class | | |
| RDF | | |
| Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black | | |
| Women | | |
| Third Force | | |
| Tikkan | | |
| Tradeswomen | | |
| Trivia | | |
| Whole Earth Review | | |
| Women and Criminal Justice | | |
| Women and Environments | | |
| Women and Therapy | | |
| Women in Action | | |
| Women's Education/Education Des Femmes | | |
| Women’s Review of Books | | |
| Women’s Rights Law Reporter | | |
| Women’s Studies International Forum | | |
| Women’s Studies Quarterly | | |
| Women’s World | | |
| People of Color/Native Peoples (11 titles) | | |
| Subject headings: people of color, native peoples | | |
| Abya Yala News | | |
| Akwe:Kon Journal | | |
| Akwesasne Notes | | |
| Black Scholar | | |
| Subject headings: anthropology, cultural studies, history, psychology, philosophy, urbanism, religion | | |
| American Atheist | | |
| Critique of Anthropology | | |
| Cultural Survival Quarterly | | |
| Free Associations | | |
| History Workshop | | |
| Hypatia | | |
| Journal of Urban and Cultural Studies | | |
| Labor History | | |
| Labor/Le Travail | | |
| Practice | | |
| Radical History Review | | |
| Radical Philosophy Review of Books | | |
| Sojourners | | |
| Thesis Eleven | | |
| Women and Therapy | | |
| Sociology (8 titles) | | |
| Subject headings: social policy, social theory, sociology, sociology and social work | | |
| Alternatives (Boulder, Colo.) | | |
| Berkeley Journal of Sociology | | |
| Critical Sociology | | |
| Journal of Progressive Human Services | | |
| Social Justice | | |
| Social Policy | | |
| Theory, Culture & Society | | |
| Thesis Eleven | | |
| Sports (1 title) | | |
| Technology (3 titles) | | |
| Subject headings: technology and society, biotechnology | | |
| Genewatch | | |
| Processed World | | |
| Science as Culture | | |
| Women (31 titles) | | |
| Subject heading: women | | |
| Atlantis | | |
| Australian Feminist Studies | | |
| Berkeley Women’s Law Journal | | |
| Camera Obscura | | |
| Connexions | | |
| Feminist Issues | | |
| Feminist Review | | |
| Feminist Studies | | |
| Feminist Teacher | | |
| Harvard Women’s Law Journal | | |
| Hecate | | |
| Heresies | | |
| Hypatia | | |
| Kick It Over | | |
| Kinesis | | |
| Mothering | | |
| Off Our Backs | | |
| On The Issues | | |
| Peace & Freedom | | |
| Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women | | |
| Trivia | | |
| Women and Criminal Justice | | |
| Women and Environments | | |
| Women and Therapy | | |
| Women’s Education/Education des Femmes | | |
| Women’s Review of Books | | |
| Women’s Rights Law Reporter | | |
| Women’s Studies International Forum | | |
| Women’s Studies Quarterly | | |
| Women’s World | | |
TABLE 3  
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|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|                                  | Total    | Percentage |                                   | Total    | Percentage |
| Abya Yala News                    | 19       | 18%        | City Limits                        | 15       | 14         |
| Advocate                          | 70       | 67%        | Co-Op America Quarterly            | 6        | 6          |
| Africa News                       | 55       | 53%        | Colors                             | 4        | 4          |
| Against the Current               | 25       | 24%        | Common Cause                       | 68       | 65         |
| Akwe:Kon Journal                  | 27       | 26%        | Community Media Review             | 3        | 3          |
| Akwesasne Notes                   | 67       | 64%        | Connexions                         | 52       | 50         |
| Alternative Press Review          | 6        | 6%         | Constellations                     | 59       | 57         |
| Alternatives (Boulder, Col.)      | 79       | 76%        | Covert Action Quarterly            | 34       | 33         |
| Alternatives (Ontario, Canada)    | 34       | 33%        | Critical Arts                      | 23       | 22         |
| American Atheist                  | 29       | 28%        | Critical Sociology                 | 78       | 75         |
| Amicus Journal                    | 74       | 71%        | Critique (Glasgow, Scotland)       | 45       | 43         |
| Anarchy (no OCLC record)          | 0        | 0%         | Critique of Anthropology           | 66       | 63         |
| Animals’ Agenda                   | 53       | 51%        | Critique: Journal for              | 14       | 13         |
| Antipode                          | 66       | 63%        | Critical Studies of the Middle East| 25       | 24         |
| Atlantis                          | 37       | 36%        | Crossroads                         | 14       | 13         |
| Australian Feminist Studies       | 30       | 29%        | Cuba Update                        | 32       | 31         |
| Bankcheck                         | 4        | 4%         | Cultural Survival Quarterly        | 65       | 63         |
| Berkeley Journal of Sociology     | 81       | 78%        | Daybreak                           | 9        | 9          |
| Berkeley Women’s Law Journal      | 58       | 56%        | Democratic Left                    | 25       | 24         |
| Beyond Borders                    | 3        | 3%         | Disability Rag                     | 9        | 9          |
| Black Scholar                     | 88       | 85%        | Dissent                            | 89       | 86         |
| BLK                               | 17       | 16%        | Dollars and Sense                  | 46       | 44         |
| Bogong (no OCLC record)           | 0        | 0%         | E: The Environmental Magazine      | 26       | 25         |
| Borderlines                       | 11       | 11%        | Earth First!                       | 14       | 13         |
| Boycott Quarterly                  | 4        | 4%         | Earth Island Journal               | 18       | 17         |
| Breakthrough                      | 15       | 14%        | Ecologist                          | 80       | 77         |
| Briarpatch                        | 5        | 5%         | Economic Notes                     | 29       | 28         |
| Bulletin in Defense of Marxism    | 1        | 1%         | Environmental Action               | 66       | 63         |
| Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars| 71      | 68%        | Extra                              | 29       | 28         |
| Business Ethics                   | 17       | 16%        | Feminist Issues                    | 75       | 72         |
| California Prisoner               | 10       | 10%        | Feminist Review                    | 71       | 68         |
| Camera Obscura                    | 71       | 68%        | Feminist Studies                   | 90       | 87         |
| Canadian Dimension                | 38       | 37%        | Feminist Teacher                   | 48       | 46         |
| Capital and Class                 | 50       | 48%        | Fifth Estate                       | 18       | 17         |
| Capitalism, Nature of Socialism   | 30       | 29%        | Forward Motion                     | 2        | 2          |
| Chain Reaction                    | 2        | 2%         | Free Associations                  | 17       | 16         |
| Challenge (no OCLC record)        | 0        | 0%         | Friends of the Earth               | 21       | 20         |
| Changing Men                      | 31       | 30%        | Fuse                               | 10       | 10         |
| Chartist                          | 5        | 5%         | Genewatch                          | 8        | 8          |
| Cineaste                          | 77       | 74%        | Grassroots Fundraising              | 8        | 8          |
|                                  |          |            | Gray Panther Network               | 13       | 13         |
|                                  |          |            | Guild Notes                        | 29       | 28         |
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| Harvard Women’s Law Journal      | 68       | 65               | Mother Jones | 91 | 88 |
| Hecate                           | 33       | 32               | Mothering  | 7   | 7   |
| Heresies                         | 73       | 70               | Mouth     | 4   | 4   |
| History Workshop                 | 82       | 79               | Multinational Monitor | 59 | 57 |
| Holistic Education Review Report | 14       | 13               | NACLA: Report on the Americas | 42 | 40 |
| Human Rights Internet            | 52       | 50               | Nation    | 92  | 88  |
|                                  |          |                  | Nature,Society, and Thought | 17 | 16 |
| Hypatia                          | 81       | 78               | Neighborhood Works | 13 | 13 |
| In Context                       | 11       | 11               | New Catalyst | 1  | 1  |
| In These Times                   | 70       | 67               | New Internationalist | 37 | 36 |
| Independent                      | 27       | 26               | New Left Review | 89 | 86 |
| Index on Censorship              | 76       | 73               | New Maritimes | 2  | 2  |
| Industrial Worker                | 22       | 21               | New Political Science | 50 | 48 |
| International Socialism          | 9        | 9                | New Politics | 70 | 67 |
| International Viewpoint          | 6        | 6                | New Solutions | 6  | 6  |
| Journal of Palestinian Studies   | 82       | 79               | No Sweat News | 0  | 0  |
| Journal of Progressive Human Services | 34 | 33         | Nonviolent Activist | 15 | 14 |
| Journal of Sport and Social Issues | 57  | 55             | Nutrition Action | 28 | 27 |
| Journal of Urban and Cultural Studies | 4  | 4              | Healthletter |      |     |
| Journal of Women’s History       | 80       | 77               | Off Our Backs | 60 | 58 |
| Jump Cut                         | 70       | 67               | On Guard   | 3   | 3   |
| Kick It Over                     | 6        | 6                | On the Issues | 23 | 22 |
| Kinesis                          | 6        | 6                | Organizing (OCLC record, no holdings) | 0 | 0   |
| Labor History                    | 90       | 87               | Our Generation | 8  | 8  |
| Labor Notes                      | 20       | 19               | Our Right to Know | 4  | 4  |
| Labor Research Review            | 33       | 32               | Our Schools/Ourselves | 2 | 2   |
| Labour, Capital and Society      | 32       | 31               | Our Times  | 2   | 2   |
| Labour/Le Travail                | 43       | 41               | Peace & Democracy | 8  | 8  |
| Lambda Book Report               | 37       | 36               | Peace & Freedom | 10 | 10 |
| Latin American Perspectives      | 81       | 78               | Peace Magazine | 5  | 5  |
| Labour, Capital and Society      | 32       | 31               | Peace News  | 18  | 17  |
| Left Business Observer           | 9        | 9                | Permaculture Activist | 0 | 0   |
| Left Curve                       | 17       | 16               | Practice   | 8   | 8   |
| Lesbian Contradiction            | 6        | 6                | Political Affairs | 7  | 7  |
| Liberation and Marxism           | 5        | 5                | Processed World | 7  | 7  |
| Lies of Our Times                | 33       | 32               | Progressive | 86 | 83 |
| Media & Values                   | 20       | 19               | Progressive Librarian | 20 | 19 |
| Middle East Report               | 63       | 61               | Propaganda Review | 17 | 16 |
| Monthly Review                   | 84       | 81               | Public Citizen | 15 | 14 |
|                                  |          |                  | Race and Class | 85 | 82 |
|                                  |          |                  | Radical America | 68 | 65 |
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| Radical History Review    | 88       | 85 | Southern Exposure         | 74       | 71         |
| Radical Philosophy        | 3        | 3  | St. Louis Journalism      | 25       | 24         |
| Review of Books           |          |   | Review                    |          |            |
| Radical Teacher           | 44       | 42 | Studies in Political      | 24       | 23         |
| Raise the Stakes          | 8        | 8  | Economy                   |          |            |
| Raw Materials Report      | 12       | 12 | Theory, Culture & Society | 72       | 69         |
| Reconciliation International | 1      | 1  | Thesis Eleven             | 34       | 33         |
| Red Bass                  | 18       | 17 | Third Force               | 11       | 11         |
| Red Pepper                | 2        | 2  | This Magazine             | 48       | 46         |
| Rethinking Marxism        | 58       | 56 | Tikun                     | 62       | 60         |
| Rethinking Schools        | 10       | 10 | Toward Freedom            | 10       | 10         |
| Review of African         | 64       | 62 | Tradeswomen               | 9        | 9          |
| Political Economy         |          |   | Trivia                    | 39       | 38         |
| Review of Radical Political Economics | 80 | 77 | Unclassified              | 4        | 4          |
| RFD                       | 14       | 13 | Utne Reader               | 77       | 74         |
| Rights/Bill of Rights     | 73       | 70 | Vegetarian Voice          | 7        | 7          |
| Sage: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women | 74 | 71 | Whole Earth Review       | 59       | 57         |
| Science and Society       | 19       | 18 | Women and Criminal Justice| 38       | 37         |
| Science as Culture        | 31       | 30 | Women and Environments    | 51       | 49         |
| Shelterforce              | 20       | 19 | Women and Therapy         | 64       | 62         |
| Sipapu                    | 43       | 41 | Women in Action           | 25       | 24         |
| Social Alternatives       | 10       | 10 | Women’s Education/        | 2        | 2          |
| Social Anarchism          | 15       | 14 | Education des Femmes      |          |            |
| Social Justice            | 77       | 74 | Women’s Rights Law        | 71       | 68         |
| Social Policy             | 83       | 80 | Reporter                  |          |            |
| Social Text               | 78       | 75 | Women’s Studies           | 83       | 80         |
| Socialism and Democracy   | 37       | 36 | Women’s Studies Quarterly | 81       | 78         |
| Socialist Affairs         | 19       | 18 | Workbook                  | 0        | 0          |
| Socialist Review          | 5        | 5  | World Hunger Year         | 12       | 12         |
| Society and Nature        | 9        | 9  | World Policy Journal      | 83       | 80         |
| Sojourners                | 36       | 35 | Z Magazine                | 35       | 34         |
| South Asia Bulletin       | 45       | 43 |                           |          |            |