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Re: 346.013 Capacity and status of persons

At present, the standard subdivision T1—08 Groups of people cannot be used at 346.013 Capacity and status of persons: 346[.01308] is bracketed with instruction to class in 346.013. Three groups have longstanding special developments, with notation that does not parallel the subdivisions of T1--08:

346.0134 Women (compare T1—082 Women)

346.0135 Minors (compare T1—083 Young people)

346.0138 People with mental illness and disabilities (compare T1—0874 People with mental illness and disabilities)

A few other groups are listed in the including note at 346.013: “Including capacity and status of aliens; of people in late adulthood; of people with disabilities; of ethnic, national, economic groups; of slaves.”

A check of literary warrant shows that many T1—08 groups have literary warrant at 346.013, including ones not listed in the including note, e.g., gays. Here is some indication of the literary warrant for unsubdivided 346.013:

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| dd: 346.013 in WorldCat | 801 records |
| dd: 346.73013 in WorldCat | 1098 records |

Scanning the titles suggests that nearly all those works treat one or more specific groups. Here are some examples of results for searches using subject headings:

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| dd: 346.013 AND ((su: Older and su: people and su: Legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 53 records |
| dd: 346.73013 AND ((su: Older and su: people and su: Legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 177 records |
| dd: 346.013 AND ((su: People and su: disabilities and su: legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 96 records |
| dd: 346.73013 AND (su: People and su: disabilities and su: Legal and su: status) in WorldCat | 233 records |
| dd: 346.013 AND ((su: Indians and su: North and su: America and su: Legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 12 records |
| dd: 346.73013 AND ((su: Indians and su: North and su: America and su: Legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 128 records |
| dd: 346.013 AND ((su: Gays and su: Legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 15 records |
| dd: 346.73013 AND ((su: Gays and su: Legal and su: status)) in WorldCat | 25 records |

We propose to unbracket 346.01308 so that all of its subdivisions can be used.

We’ll delete the including note at 346.013 because T1—08 notation is available for all the groups named in the including note.

T1—0846 People in late adulthood

T1—0862 People by social and economic levels

T1—08625 Slaves, serfs, peons

T1—08691 People with status defined by changes in residence (Class here aliens, expatriates, foreigners)

T1—08694 People with social disadvantages

T1--086942 Poor people

T1—087 People with disabilities and illnesses, gifted people (Class here people with physical disabilities)

T1—089 Ethnic and national groups

What about the topics that already have special provisions? We see two potentially acceptable approaches.

The first approach--the least disruptive approach--would be to leave the existing special provisions as they are, and to give the following do-not-use entries:

346[.013082] Women

Do not use; class in 346.0134

346.013083 Young people

Do not use for young people who are minors; class in 346.0135

346[.0130874] People with mental illnesses and disabilities

Do not use; class in 346.0138

The problem with that approach is that preference order is reversed for women and minors.

The second approach would be to bracket the special provisions and revert completely to use of standard notation T1—08. That approach would involve much change, but would result in completely regular structure and preference order, and would not involve immediate reuse of numbers.

Here is some indication of literary warrant for the special provisions:

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| dd: 346.0134 in WorldCat | 508 records |
| dd: 346.730134 in WorldCat | 199 records |
| dd: 346.0135 in WorldCat | 352 records |
| dd: 346.730135 in WorldCat | 212 records |
| dd: 346.0138 in WorldCat | 123 records |
| dd: 346.730138 in WorldCat | 46 records |

Of the above two approaches, we recommend the second.

A third approach might be to provide special subdivisions of 346.013 that exactly mirror the subdivisions of T1—08, e.g.:

346.0131 People by gender or sex

346.0132 Women

346.0133 Young people

346.0134 People in specific stages of adulthood

346.0135 Relatives

346.0136 People by miscellaneous social attributes

346.0137 People with disabilities and illnesses, gifted people

346.0138 Occupational and religious groups

346.0139 Ethnic and national groups

However, that approach would result in immediate reuse of numbers that have much literary warrant; we consider that approach unacceptable.

A fourth approach might be to try to tuck new special provisions around the existing ones; however, that approach would result in nonstandard and confusing structure with nonstandard preference order; we consider that approach unacceptable.