## SOCIOLOGY 100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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- Full name
  - Phonetic/pronunciation tips
- How you would like to be called
- Pronouns in use (she/he/ze etc.)
- Major & classification
- Phone #
- Info I should know

## Getting To Know You ...

Pair up and chat!

Name
Major
Two Truths & a Lie

Introduce your partner to class

## SYLLABUS & EXPECTATIONS

## Mark your calendars!

- Marian Online
- Email & Text

- Quizzes Reading & Preview Quizzes
- Papers
- Everyday Sociology postings

#### WHY SOCIOLOGY?

- Enlightenment, Reason, Scientific Revolution!
- Describing our Social World
- Explaining & Predicting our Social World
- From Feudalism  $\rightarrow$  Capitalism Big Shifts!







- Become a curious visitor in your own life!
- "Think yourself away" from usual explanations
- What is the social context of a Bulgarian village vs. Tokyo?

- Definition:
  - "a quality of the mind that allows us to understand the relationship between our individual circumstances and larger social forces" (12)



#### Micro-Analysis Macro-Analysis

## **Theoretical Frameworks**

What is their role in sociology?





# What frameworks were discussed in Chapter One?

#### FUNCTIONALISM OR ORDER THEORY

- Society is like an organism
- We all play different roles
- By having same values, we can work together

Inequality plays a role, too





Émile Durkheim

1858-1917

## TWO BASIC TYPES OF SOLIDARITY

Mechanical Solidarity

#### Organic Solidarity

- typified by feelings of likeness
- It is rooted in everyone doing/feeling the same thing
- characteristic of small, traditional societies

- Each person is interdependent with others
  - $\rightarrow$  Forming a complex web of cooperative associations.
- Everyone is different and we all play unique roles
- Characteristic of modern societies

#### **RITES & BELIEFS**

#### RITES

 "the rules of conduct which prescribe how a man should comport himself in the presence of these sacred objects" (From The Elementary Forms of Religious Life)



#### **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

"the representations which express the nature of sacred things & the relations they sustain" (From The Elementary Forms of Religious Life)



symbol



Karl Marx

1818-1883

#### **CONFLICT THEORY**

- Battle for resources and power
- Owners of capital (bourgeoisie) vs. workers (proletariat)
- Inequality serves the rich





# ALIENATION

FROM SELF FROM WORK FROM PRODUCT FROM OTHERS FROM NATURE



#### CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS VS. FALSE CONSCIOUSNESS

 Recognize social inequality → revolutionary action!



When the oppress fail to realize the ruling class's interests are being served



no revolutionary action



## DO MARX'S CRITIQUES STILL APPLY?

Magnolia Cotton Mills (MS)

#### Gallun Co., founded in 1858 in Milwaukee



#### TANNERIES IN HISTORIC MILWAUKEE



"Tannery Row" on Milwaukee's East Side

## WHERE DID THE TANNERIES GO?

What about tanneries today?

Where does your leather come from?

#### **Toxic Tanneries**

https://news.vice.com/video/toxic-tanneries-poisoning-workers-in-bangladesh

# No! It's shifting ideas and values

#### HOW DO WE EXPLAIN THE RISE OF CAPITALISM?

Material changes and economic superstructure, clearly!

> "A man does not 'by nature' wish to earn more and more money, but to simply live as he is accustomed to live ..."





Karl Marx



"This order is now bound to the ... conditions of machine production"

## THE CALLING

 The idea that each individual has a calling or "life-task" has its roots in a religious quest for salvation.

"The Puritan wanted to work in a calling; we are forced to do so."



#### THE IRON CAGE

Rationalization disenchants Western society and creating an "iron cage" from which the individual is left with little power to escape.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ICppFQ6Tabw



## **BREAK!**



#### SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM

- Focus of analysis is small-scale interpersonal relationships.
- Individuals are not passively tossed by the winds of Society

People are seen as active constructors of their own conduct who interpret, evaluate, define, and plot their own action

(From Giddens' Central Problems on Social Theory)



#### MEAD & SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM

- Play Stage
- Games
- The Generalized Other



#### THE GENERALIZED OTHER

This is where society or community show their influence

> Tsk! What would your mother think of that behavior?

 "It is in the form of the generalized other that the social process influences the behavior of the individuals involved in it .... that the community exercises control over the conduct of its individual members"

(From Mind, Self & Society)

## **CHAPTER THREE**

CULTURE!

Defining culture – the knowledge, language, values, customs, and material objects that are passed from person to person and from one generation to the next in a human group or society

#### THE ROLE OF CULTURE

How do we view the world?

#### Material vs. Symbolic Culture

Tools, items, buildings, infrastructure

Beliefs, norms, ideas, etc.





#### HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT IS APPROPRIATE IN A SOCIETY?

- Socialization the lifelong process whereby we learn acceptable behavior in a given society
- Norms, values, mores, and taboos of a culture (see page 84)





#### UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL VARIATION

- Ethnocentrism vs. Cultural Relativism
- Assimilation vs. Multiculturalism
- Types of Modern Societies (Industrial, developing, Newly-industrializing economies)
- The effects of globalization

#### **ASSIMILATION VS. MULTICULTURALISM** (85)



Does this work?



Does this challenge Anglo dominance?

#### **MULTI-CULTURALISM OR PLURALISM**

- Multiculturalism and Preserving One's Culture is Huge
  - Protective effects, too

BUT – is there equal access?

Inequalitarian vs. Equalitarian Pluralism



# Minority assimilation, Ethnocentrism or Islamophobia?

Outlawed in 2004 in French schools, along with any other blatant religious symbols





A nun can be covered from head to toe in order to devote herself to God. right? But, then, if a muslim girl does the same, why is she oppressed? How do masses of people consent to be governed?

### **ANTONIO GRAMSCI & HEGEMONY**



- Italian political prisoner
- Social theorist, journalist, organizer, etc.

- Authoritative influence over others
- Consent is active, negotiated
  - Populace consider it, weigh it, reproduce it



#### THINK / PAIR / SHARE

What subcultures do you belong to?

- Think about one or two of these subcultures.
- Can you identify the gestures, norms, values, language and beliefs?

Pair up and discuss. Then, we'll talk as class





#### TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINISM (PAGE 91)

#### **Changes in Technology** $\rightarrow$ **Social Change!**







Communications! Immigration! Mass Production!

#### MERCHANTS OF COOL

- Frontline Episode
  - http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/view/

How are American teenagers targeted by corporations?

#### DOING SOCIOLOGY!

- Make a list of ways in which the media—including advertisements reach you each day.
- How many of these media messages represent mainstream Western ideals?
- What kinds of media messages do not conform to these norms?

#### COMING UP!

#### BY SUNDAY – 11:55pm

- Take your pre-quizzes for Chapters I & 3
- Every Day Sociology

#### For Next Week!

Read Real World Chapters 4 & 5

Watch Milgram video and Quiet Rage video

Take the pre-quiz by Monday 2pm

Take the Stanford & Milgram quiz by Monday 2pm!