SOCIOLOGY 100: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

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Welcome!

Index Cards

- 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!

Introduce your partner to class

- → Name
- → Major
- → Two Truths & a Lie

SYLLABUS & EXPECTATIONS

- Marian Online
- Email & Text

- Mark your calendars!
 - Quizzes Reading & Preview Quizzes
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WHY SOCIOLOGY?

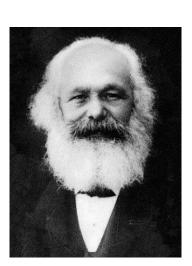
Enlightenment, Reason, Scientific Revolution!

Describing our Social World

Explaining & Predicting our Social World

■ From Feudalism → Capitalism – Big Shifts!

Everything that's solid melts into the air!



• FEUDAL WORLD → MODERN WORLD (EURO-CENTRIC)

Ottoman Empire, 14th – 20th c

Atlantic Slave Trade, 17th – 19th c

British Colonial Rule in India, 18th – 20th c

Islamic Mathematics 7th - 17th c

Galileo's gravitational work late 16th-early 17th c

Black Death,

US Revolutionary War, 1775-1781

French Revolution, Worldwide colonialism

Middle Ages 5th c - 14th c

Renaissance 14th c – 17th c

Enlightenment 17th c – 18th c

Industrial Revolution mid 18th c - 20th c

Feudalism Chivalry

Crusades Fall of Rome Modern England & France emerging Intl. Trade expanding

"Modern Times" Printing revolution --observation

"divine rights of kings" waning ---diplomacy Spanish Inquisition

Reason Individualism Science Religious Tolerance Govts free of Tyranny emerging

Rapid industrial growth

Steam engine!

Urban population boom!

New manufacturing processes

How are biography & history connected?

SOCIOLOGICAL IMAGINATION

- 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)



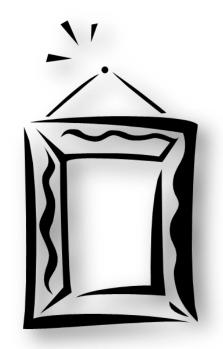
Micro-Analysis

Macro-Analysis

Theoretical Frameworks

What is their role in sociology?



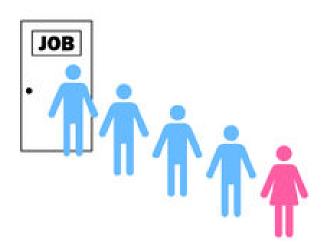


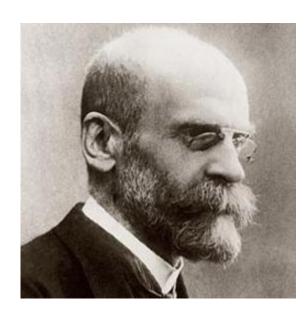
What frameworks were discussed in Chapter One?

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

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

Organic Solidarity

- Each person is interdependent with others
 - → 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)

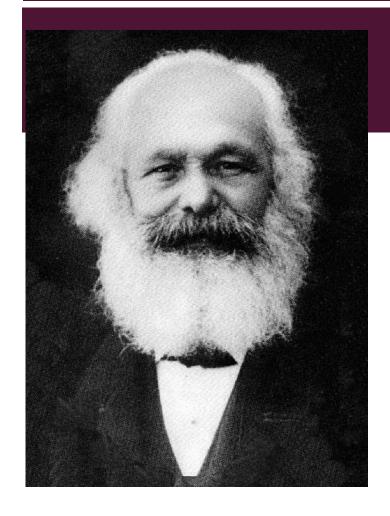
RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

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







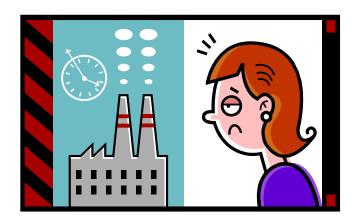


Karl Marx

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

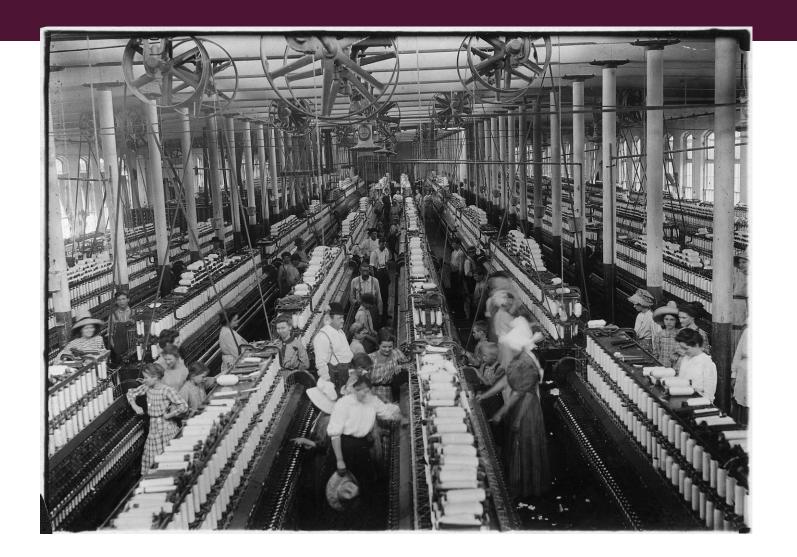
■ Recognize social inequality → revolutionary action!



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

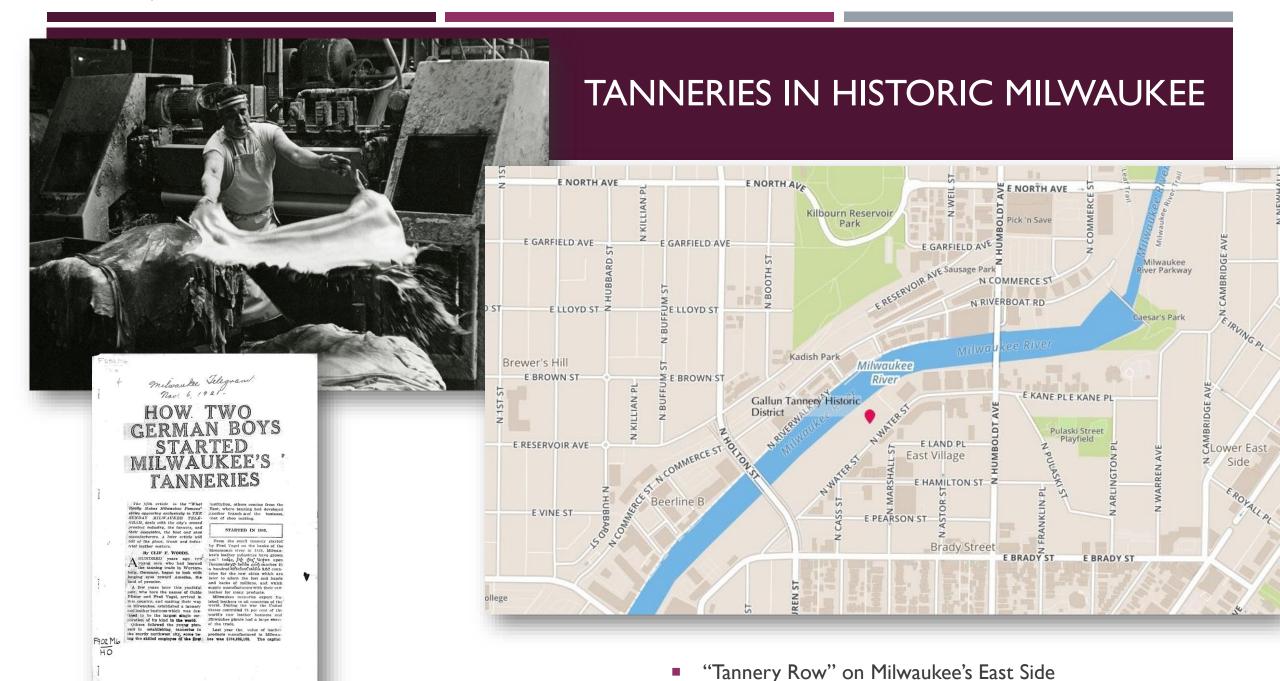


no revolutionary action



DO MARX'S CRITIQUES STILL APPLY?

Magnolia Cotton Mills (MS)



WHERE DID THE TANNERIES GO?

What about tanneries today?

Where does your leather come from?

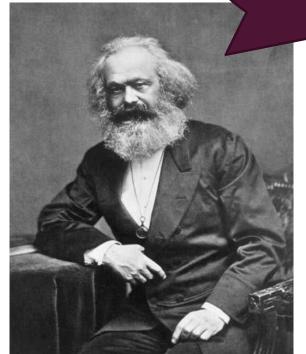
Toxic Tanneries

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

HOW DO WE EXPLAIN THE RISE OF CAPITALISM?

No! It's shifting ideas and values

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

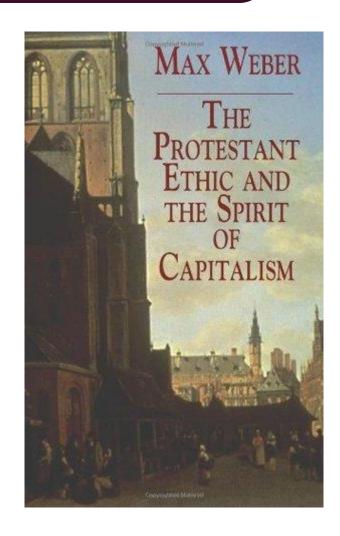
Max Weber

"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.

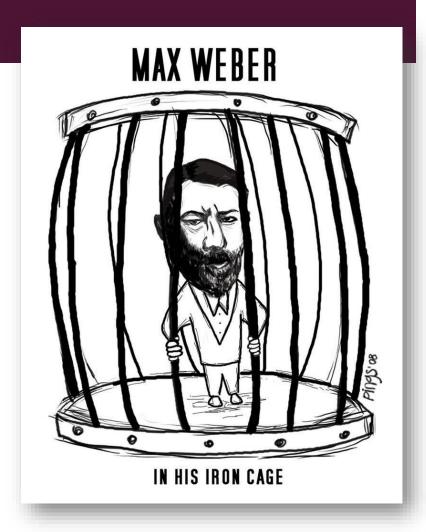
"The Puritan wanted to work in a calling; we are forced to do so."



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



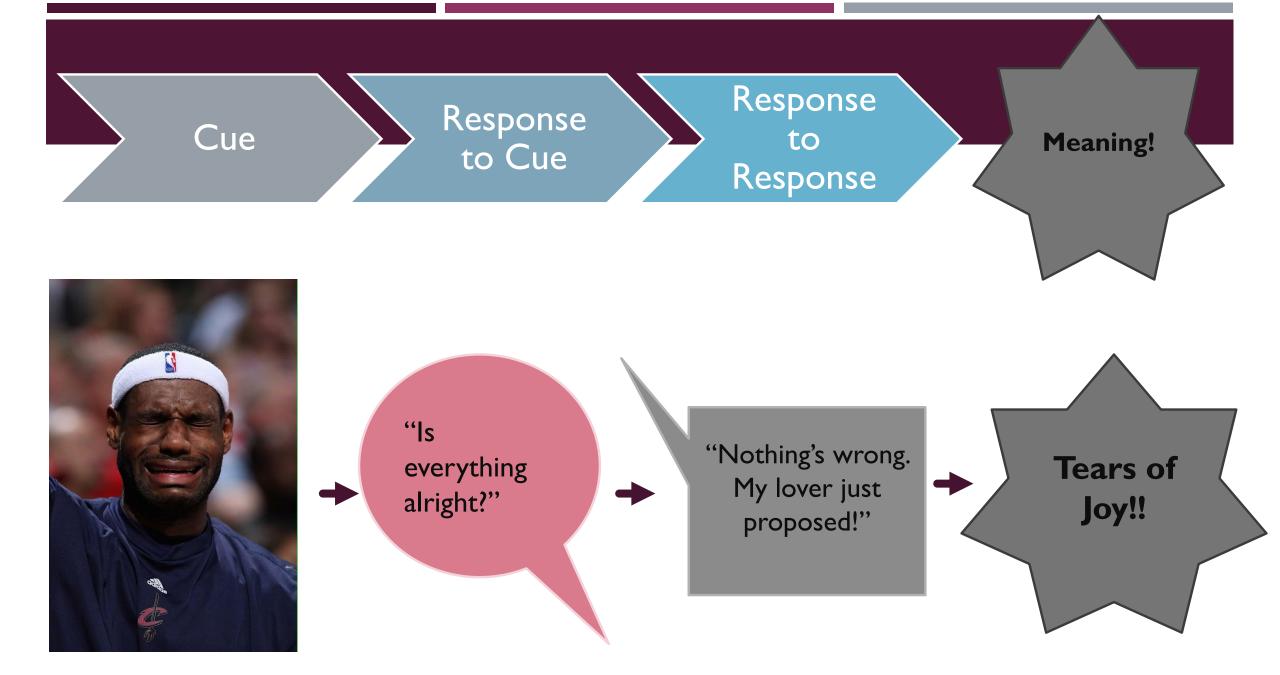
BREAK!

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

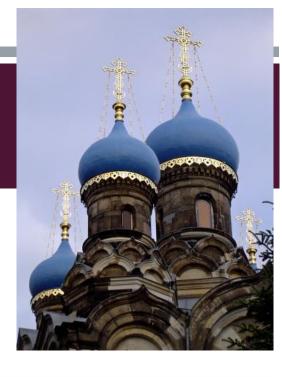
How do we view the world?

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)

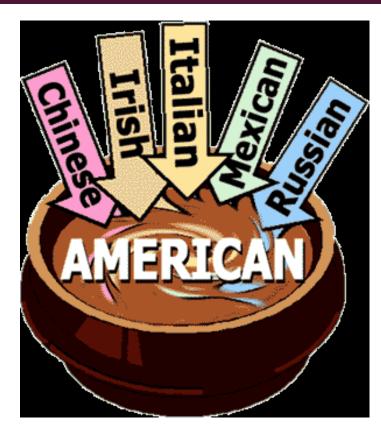




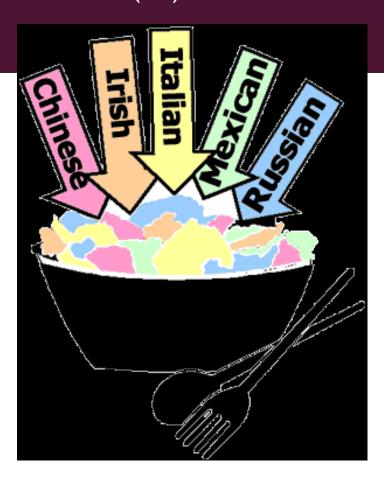
UNDERSTANDING CULTURAL VARIATION

- 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

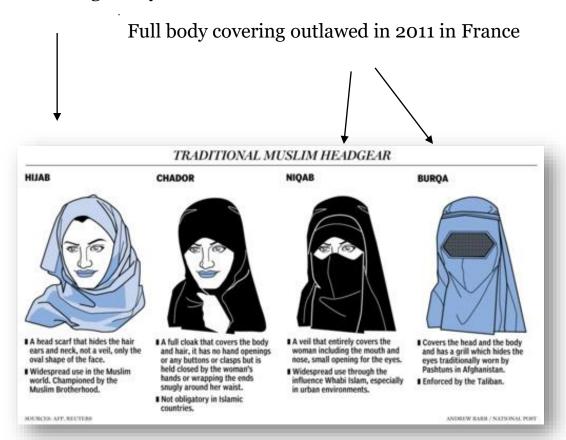
■ BUT — is there equal access?

Inequalitarian vs. Equalitarian Pluralism

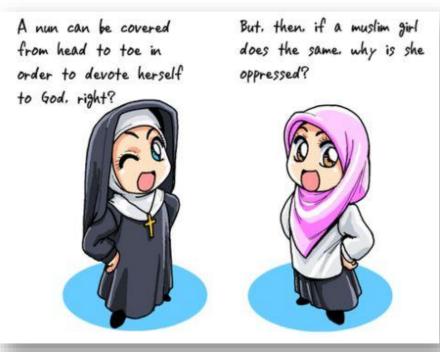


Minority assimilation, Ethnocentrism or Islamophobia?

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







How do masses of people consent to be governed?

ANTONIO GRAMSCI & HEGEMONY



- Authoritative influence over others
- Consent is active, negotiated
 - Populace consider it, weigh it, reproduce it
 - Force is not required

Ideological Mechanisms



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



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



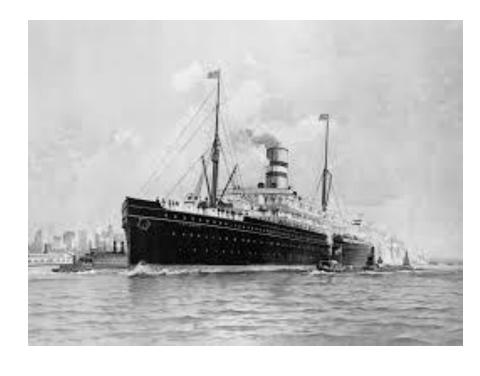


TECHNOLOGICAL DETERMINISM (PAGE 91)

Changes in Technology → **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!