

Books: 13/04/2016

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09h00 -10h00

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Election

In the previous episode...

Is Sociology a science?

yes, but...

yes,

Empirical, the logic of Inference:

Inductive - Deductive

but...

Multiple Paradigms (key theories, instruments,
values and metaphysical assumptions that
comprise the disciplinary matrix)

- Sociology is multi paradigmatic
 - for ex: does society exist?

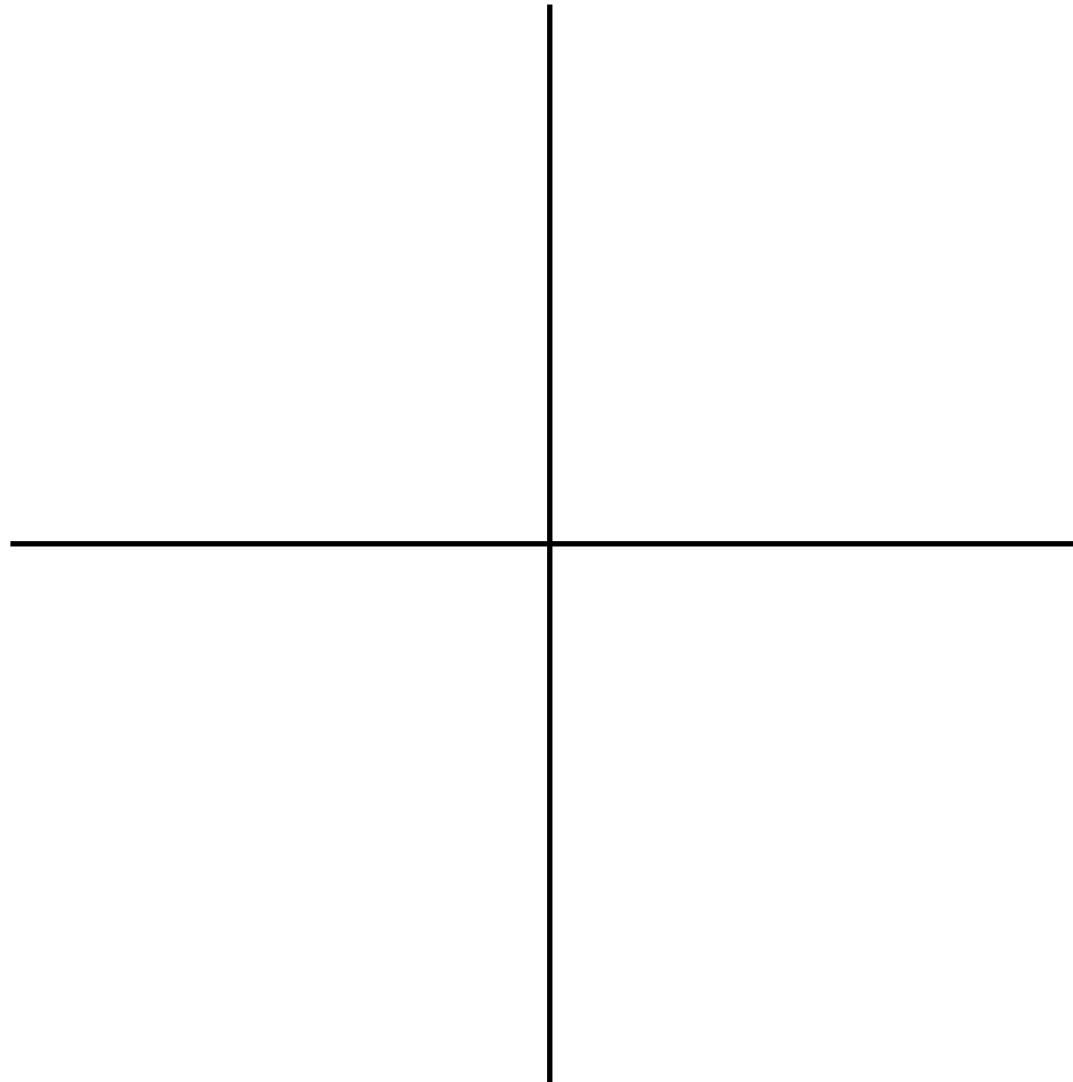
- Many levels/units of analysis
 - Micro (ex: interaction in the classroom)
 - Macro (ex: how the welfare state works)

Deduction or Induction Qualitative

Macro

Micro

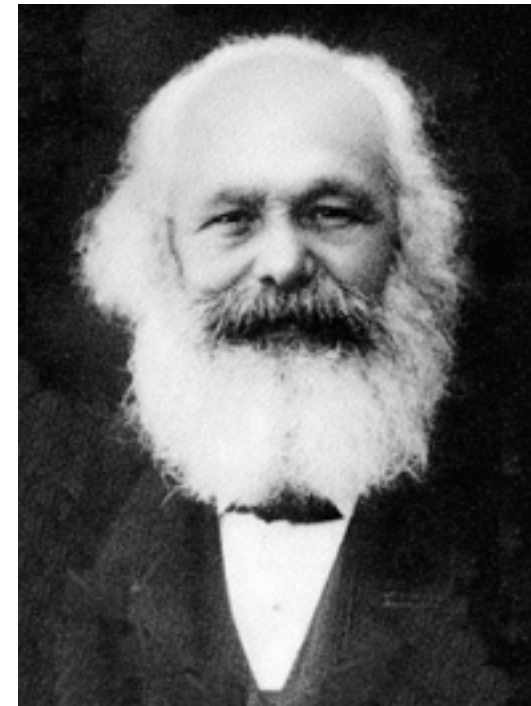
Quantitative



- Sociology is empiric.
- We use the “logic of inference”
 - Deduction
 - Induction
- Two main traditions (paradigms):
 - Positivist -> Organicist -> Functionalist
 - How society sticks together?
 - Critical (Conflict theory)
 - It's all about disorder.

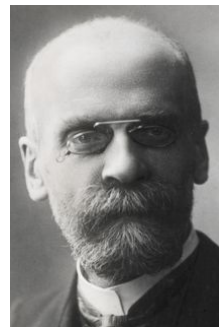
History of Sociological Thought in 2 minutes

First gen:



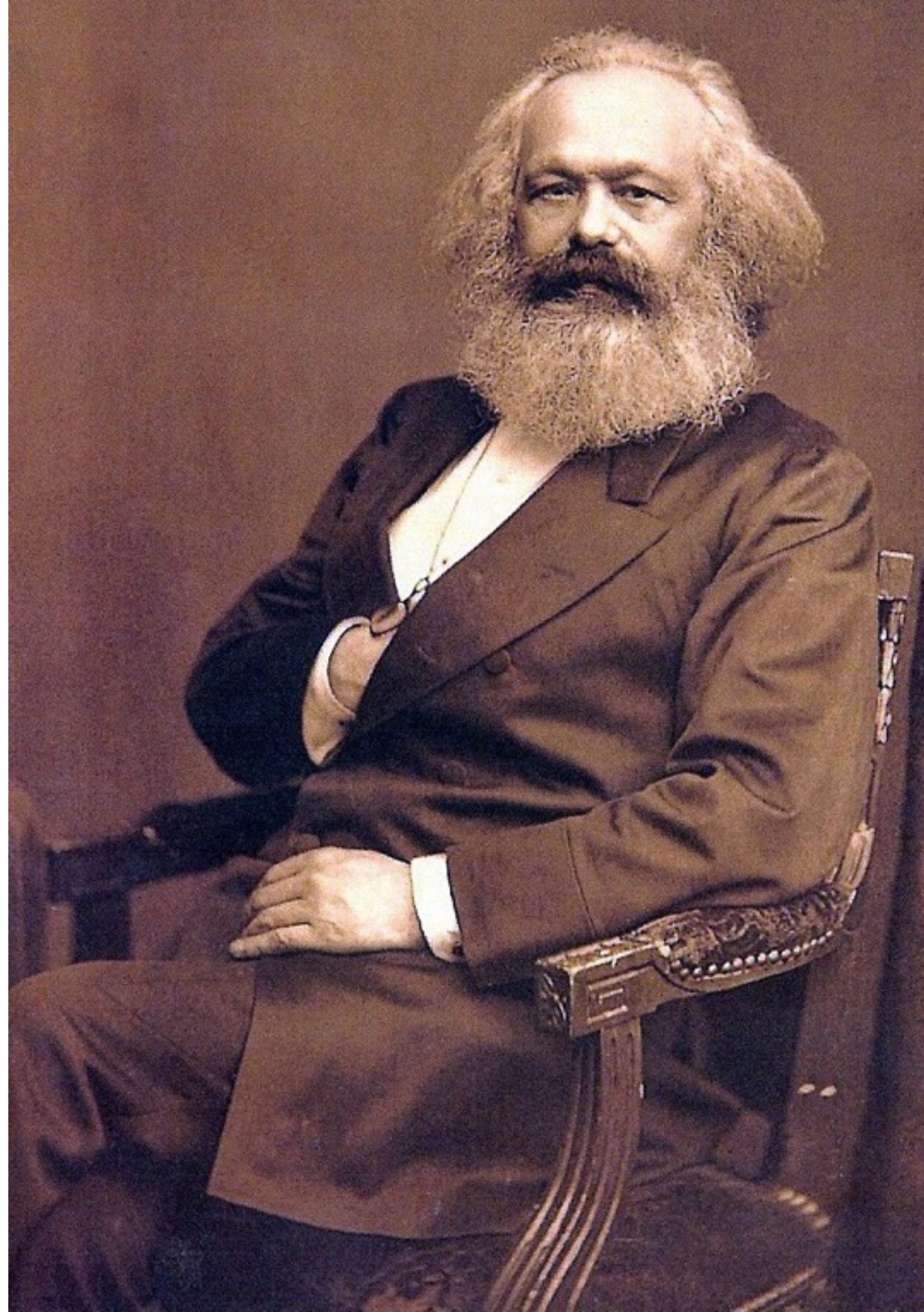
theories of
history

Second gen:



What's the meaning of life?
(for Marx)

Homo Faber



Work!

Value

Alienation /
Commodity Fetishism

Class

Humanware

Work (labour) vs. Capital

Machines, stuff.

“That part of a man's stock which he expects to afford him revenue is called his capital.”

- Adam Smith

Capitalism

$W - G - W$



$G - W - G'$

Ware - Geld - Ware

Geld - Ware - Geld

Goods - Money - Goods

Money - Goods - Money'



Capital intensive

Living labour vs. Dead labour

Labour intensive



“Capital is dead labour, that, vampire-like,
only lives by sucking living labour, and lives
the more, the more labour it sucks”

“Meantime the markets kept ever growing, the demand ever rising. Even manufacturer no longer sufficed. Thereupon, steam and **machinery revolutionised industrial production**. The place of manufacture was taken by the giant, Modern Industry; **the place of the industrial middle class by industrial millionaires**, the leaders of the whole industrial armies, the modern bourgeois.”

- Manifesto

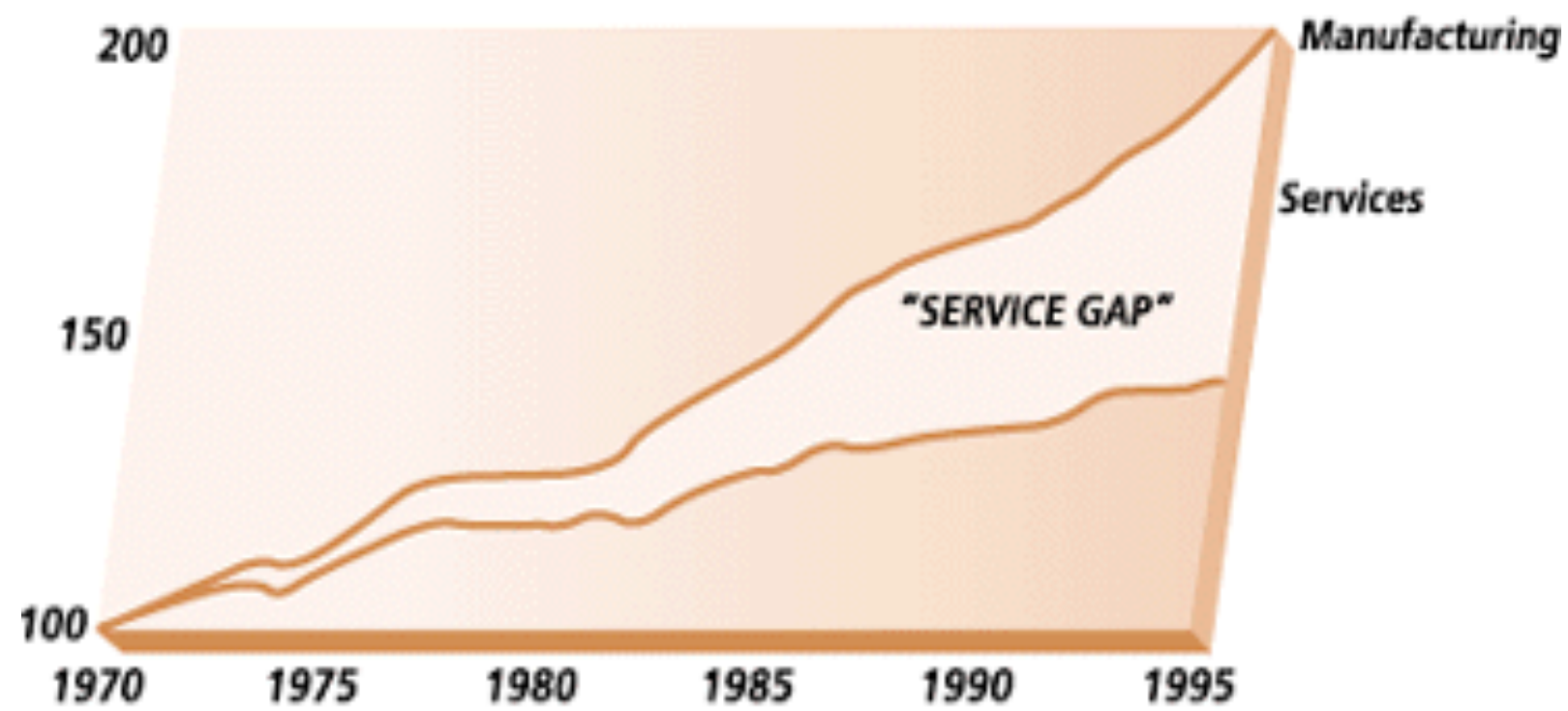


EXHIBIT I
LABOR PRODUCTIVITY STATISTICS

Tendency of the rate of profit to fall



Economic
Instability

- middle class
+ proletariat



Modern bourgeois society, with its relations of production, of exchange and of property, a society that has conjured up such gigantic means of production and of exchange, **is like the sorcerer who is no longer able to control the powers of the nether world whom he has called up by his spells.**



Value

the value of a commodity can be objectively measured by the average number of labor hours required to produce that commodity.

Exchange value vs. Use value



Commodity Fetishism

Alienation!

Owing to the extensive use of machinery, and to the division of labour, the work of the proletarians has lost all individual character, and, consequently, all charm for the workman.

“class consciousness”

Class **in** itself vs. Class **for** itself

Suicide!

Individuals



Homo Duplex



expectations
aspirations
knowledge
judgement
values

codes of behaviour

...

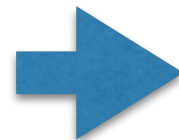


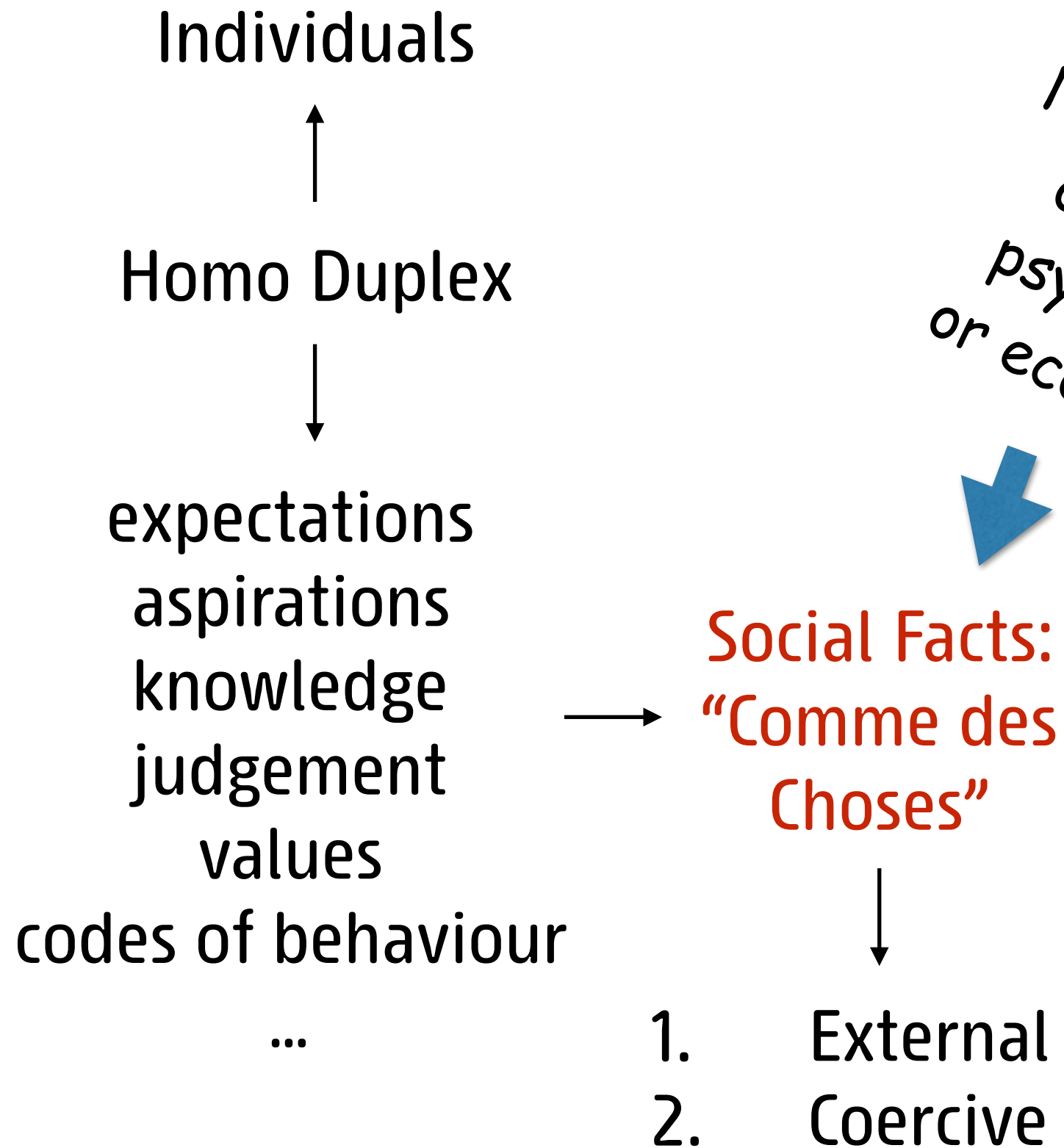
Social Facts:
"Comme des
Choses"



1. External
2. Constraint

That's the
object of
Sociology
(?)





“A social fact is every way of acting, fixed or not, capable of exercising on the individual an external constraint; or again, every way of acting which is general throughout a given society, while at the same time existing in its own right independent of its individual manifestations”.

“There is in the consciousness of each one of us two consciousnesses: one that we share in common with our group in its entirety, which is consequently not ourselves, but society living and acting within us; the other that, on the contrary, represents us alone in what is personal and distinctive about us, what makes us an individual”

The Division of social labor

What is your definition of an individual?

“A multitude of one million divided by one million.”
- Laibach



“They’re casting their problem on society. And, you know, there is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women, and there are families.”



VS.

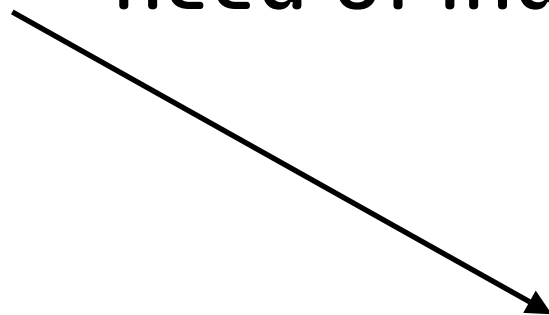


social cohesiveness of
small, undifferentiated
societies



Mechanical solidarity is the social integration of members of a society who have common values and beliefs.

organic solidarity is social integration that arises out of the need of individuals for one another's services.



societies differentiated by a relatively
complex division of labour



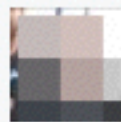
Sciences Po Reims Compliments and Confessions

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#157 I've been trying to get your attention for a long time. It has been a week and a half since I spoke to anyone at all and confessing my depression on this group is my only form of human contact. I have decided this is enough. None of my posts have been posted. I want to end this. Know that I do not blame you *****, I understand that some of the things I have written are too dark and sad. Goodbye *****, Goodbye SciencesPo. I am now ready to cut myself. I hear vertically is more efficient so I guess it is time. By the time the sun sets, I will cut myself unless you post this. I need to feel like someone is listening to me.

J'aime · Commenter · 💬 4

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I know everyone has said this multiple times but no matter how worse things get, suicide can never be an option – there's ALWAYS a way out. No emotional problem is powerful enough to make you leave the world. I believe you need to talk about your issue... [See More](#)

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Don't, don't, don't, please. It's not only about meaning something to someone. It's way more than that. I'm sure you're worth the world to lots of people here – but you are important just by being you. If you need human contact, there are lots of peopl... [See More](#)

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Donning a Mask: Suicide at Harvard

By QUINN D. HATOFF, CRIMSON STAFF WRITER December 10, 2012

*Part I of a three-part series on mental health at Harvard. **Part II** was published on Dec. 12, and **Part III** on Dec. 14.*

"I felt that it was better to take my life than to accept failure," Christine says plainly.

Christine, now a senior, is direct and open as she reflects on her first of two suicide attempts during her sophomore year. Shaking her head, she says that she thought college would allow her to escape the depression and anxiety that plagued her in high school.

"I came to Harvard thinking Harvard would fix it," she reflects wryly. "I thought, 'I can build my own life from scratch and build something wonderful.'"

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Rash of suicides upsets school

14 DECEMBER 1998

ROME

The European University Institute, the prestigious postgraduate school housed in a 15th-century ex-monastery on a hill outside Florence and financed by the European Union nations, is launching a special programme of medical care and psychological support after four students committed suicide in just 18 months.

Between January 1997 and August 1998, a German, a Ukrainian, an Austrian and a French student all took their lives while working on, or having just completed, their theses. At the EUI, with a population of only 300 students a year, four suicides in succession is a real emergency.

 PRINT

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“We would esteem our research not worth of the labour of a single hour if its interest were merely speculative”

The Rules of Sociological Method.

Suicide!

...at the time suicide was
studied mainly by
psychologists and
physicians.

Cesare Lombroso (1835 – 1909)



Enrico Morselli (1852 -1929)



Individual and
biological factors:

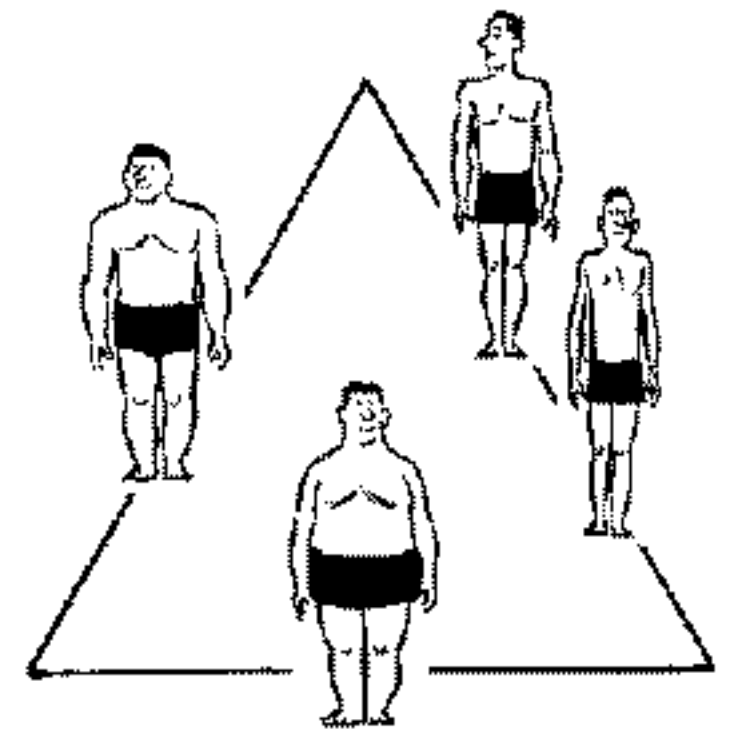
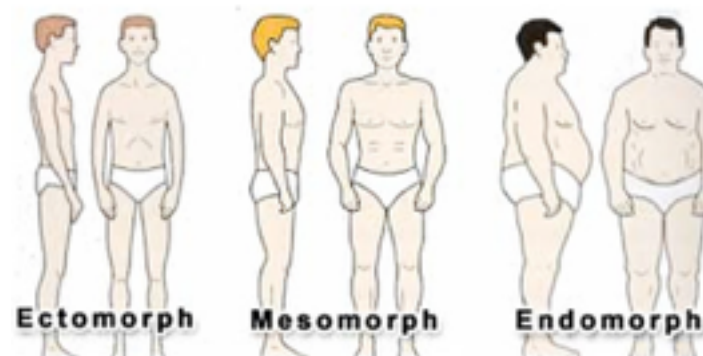
Genetic

Racial

Mental health



William Herbert Sheldon (1898 - 1977)



Eric Harris



Dylan Klebold

In popular usage, almost any crazy killer is a “psychopath.”

extra-social effects

Maniac suicide: caused by hallucinations, delirium. The patient kills himself to escape from such imagined danger, shame or accept some external order.

Melancholic suicide: related to extreme depression.

Obsessive suicide: driven “solely by the fixed idea of death which, without clear reason, has taken complete possession of the patient’s mind.

Automatic or impulsive suicide: there is no reason for it, but there is no struggle (hence it is impulsive).

<http://www.reviews.ctpdc.co.uk/durkheim.html>

<http://johnbirdwood.com/blog/2010/01/11/durkheim-suicide/>

What Do
Sociologists
Study?

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The Rules of Sociological Method

Many crazy women/jews... but low women/jews suicide rate.

Same with the alcoholics.

What is a race? What is a race in Europe?

Etc.

Facts thus concur in showing that Germans commit suicide more than other peoples not because of their **blood** but because of the civilization in which they are reared. However, one of Morselli's proofs

P. 152-154: Overall, Protestants are more prone to suicide than Catholics

P.155: Norway and Sweden are potential obstacles to his law. But this counterexample is ruled out because while
« *there is no reason to suppose that they have reached an intellectual level above Italy* » their suicide rate is higher

P.155-157: The specific case of Jews.

« their religion has the fewest suicides of all »

« when one feels himself an object of inescapable hostility, one abandons the idea of conciliating it and is the more resolute in his most unpopular observances »

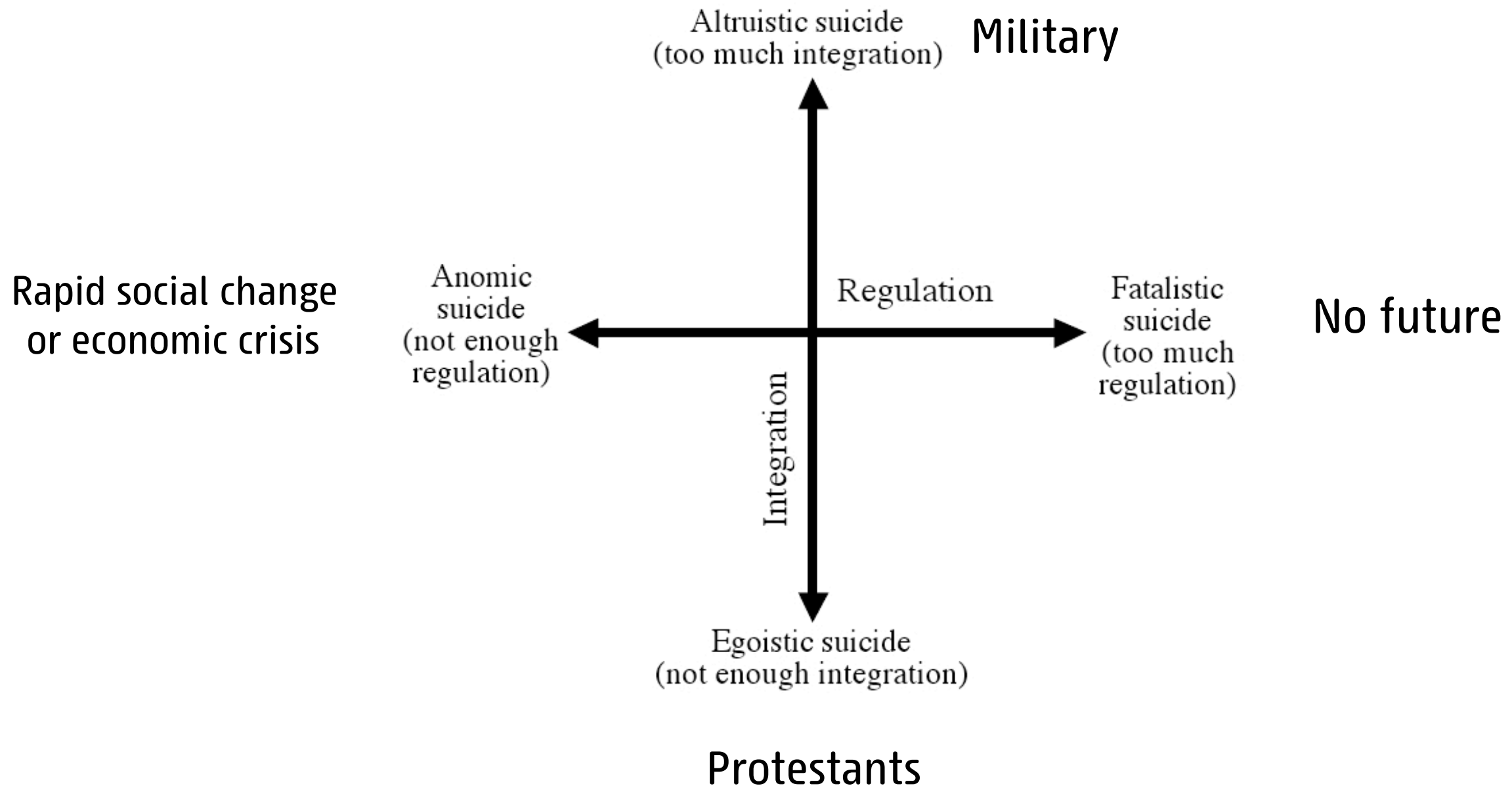
This particular cause does not apply to Protestants who kill themselves even when they have minority status

It's all about social cohesion
(Group cohesiveness)

(egoistic) Suicide is inversely correlated with:

- Religious integration
- Domestic integration
- Political integration

Durkheim's four types of suicide (after Pope 1976)



Sociology of Deviance

Norms, Normal and
Normative.

“...it was necessary for the sociological method to offer parameters to distinguish normality from pathology or abnormality.”

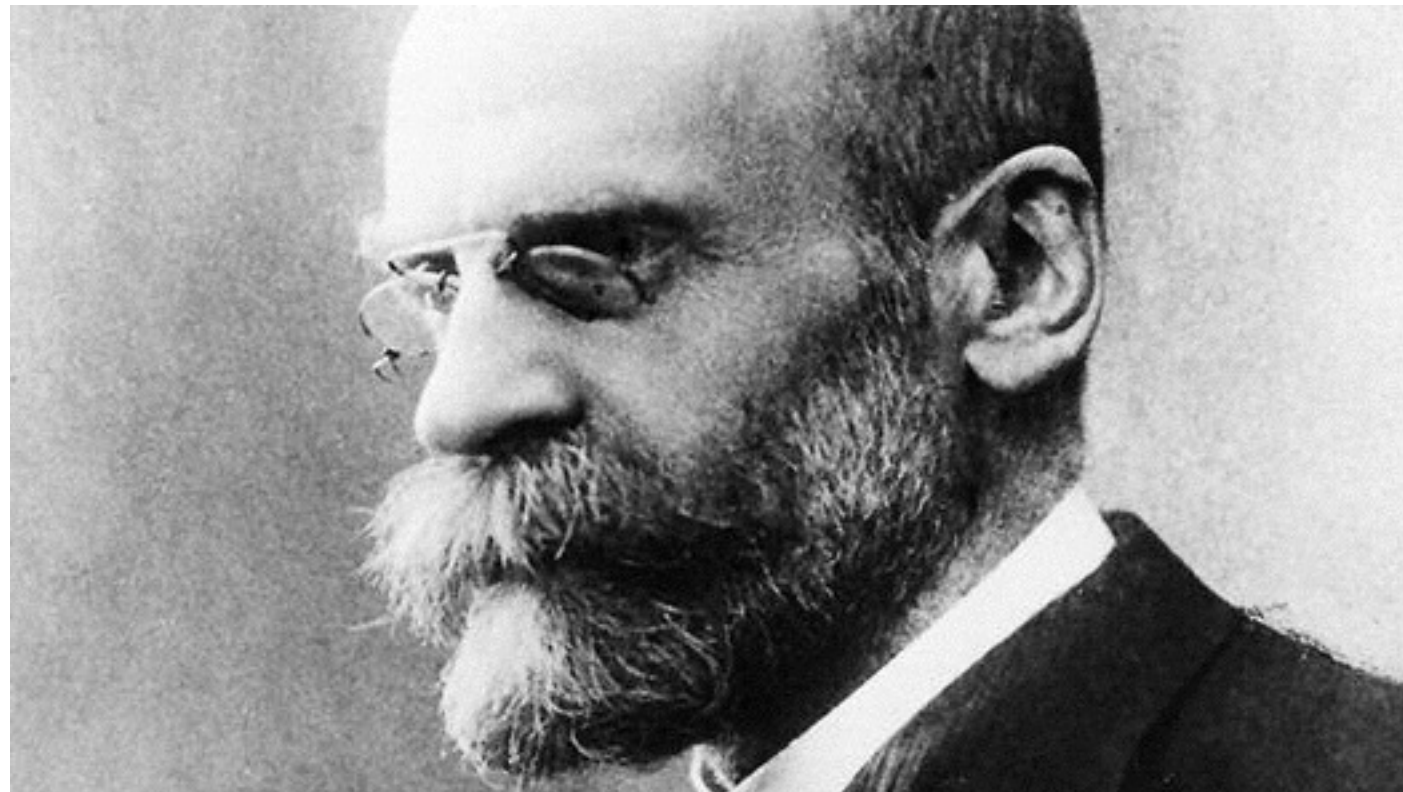
But what's normal?

Morality is a social fact

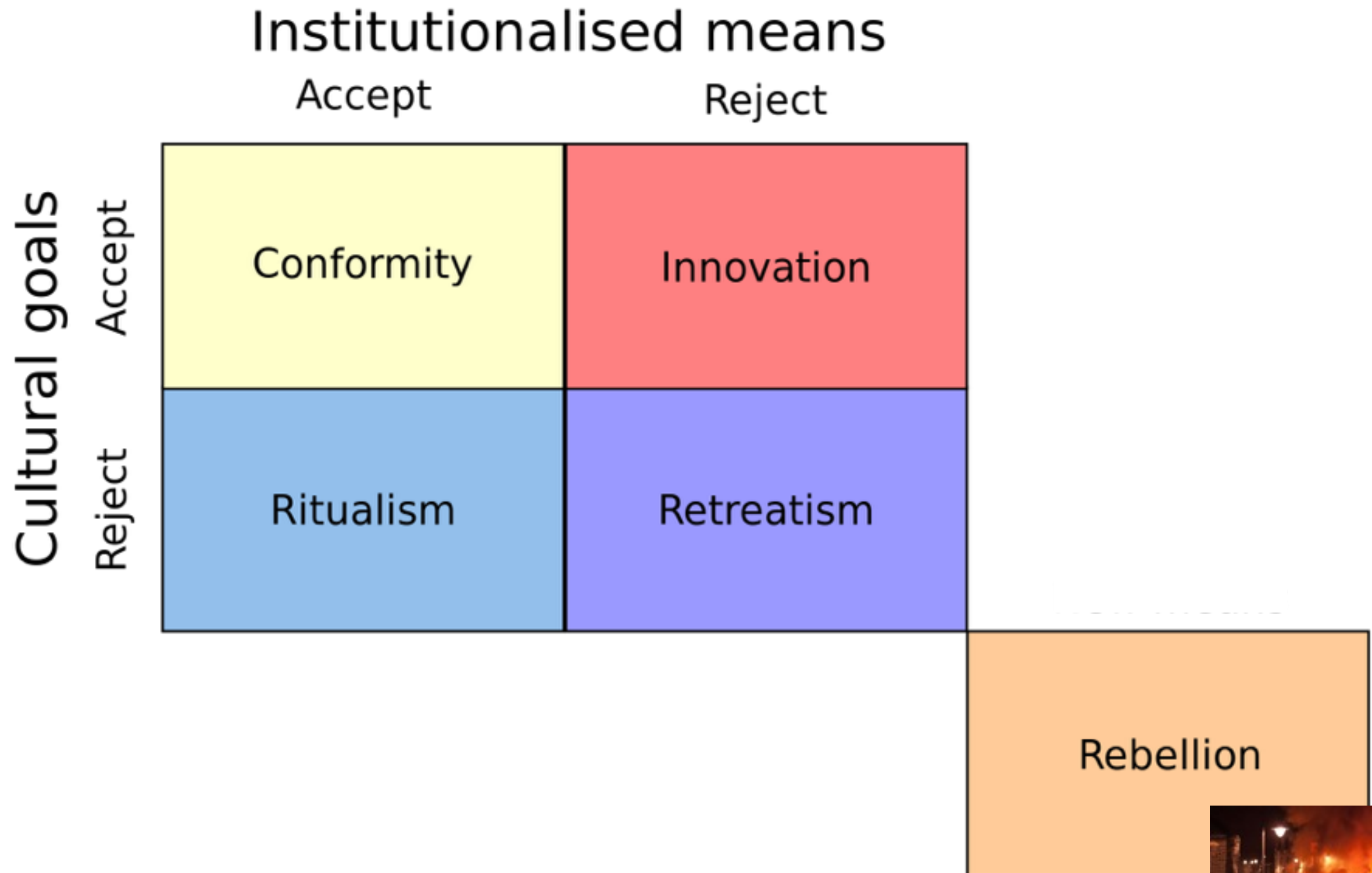
The totality of beliefs and sentiments common to average citizens of the same society forms a determinate system which has its own life; one may call it the collective or common conscience. No doubt, it has not a specific organ as a substratum; it is, by definition, diffuse in every reach of society. Nevertheless, it has specific characteristics which make it a distinct reality. It is, in effect, independent of the particular conditions in which individuals are placed; they pass on and it remains.. Moreover, it does not change with each generation, but, on the contrary, it connects successive generations with one another. **It is thus an entirely different thing from particular consciences, although it can be realised only through them.**

“We do not condemn it because it is a crime,
but it is a crime because we condemn it.”

— Émile Durkheim (1858-1917)



Robert K. Merton's Deviance Typology



“ceteris paribus”

“all other things being equal”

Descriptive Methods Vs. Inferential Methods



