

sociology

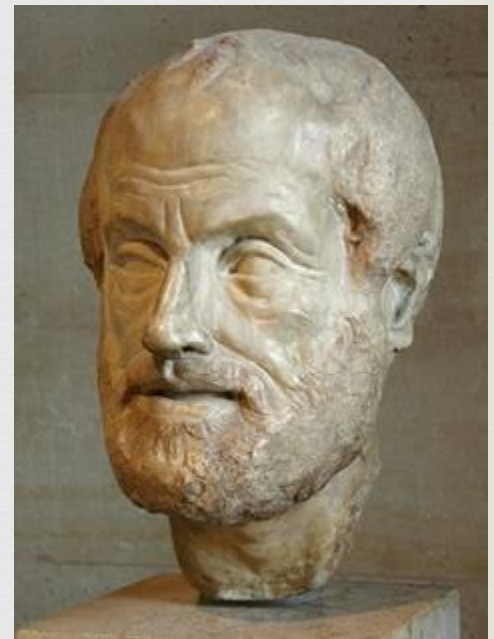


A brief history...

Ancient Origins



- ❧ The study of sociology started with the ancient Greeks. They considered man a social animal and society as essential.
- ❧ Plato in his “Republic” and Aristotle in his “Ethics and politics” discussed society.
- ❧ The ancient Romans Cicero, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas also discussed society.





The Industrial Revolution in Britain took place between 1780 and 1850 when technology had developed to the point the great industry was established.



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The Industrial Revolution in North America took place during the same time.

More Recent Origins



- ❧ Post Industrial Revolution – massive social changes occurred.
- ❧ As the masses moved to the main cities to start new lives in the industrialized era during the 1800s cities grew at a rate that they could not handle.
- ❧ Major urbanization was occurring and there were no urban planners.
- ❧ There was an increase in disease, poverty, crime, and social disorder.
- ❧ Philosophers and academics realized that society needed to be studied and the ills of society needed to be addressed.

August Comte



- ❧ Modern sociology was coined by August Comte (France) 1789-1857
- ❧ He is known for the theory of Positive Philosophy-
 - ❧ positive and orderly solutions can solve social problems.
 - ❧ according to him social evaluation went hand in hand with progress.
- ❧ He is considered as the founder of modern sociology.

Harriet Martineau



✧ Martineau (England) 1802-1876

✧ Raised people's awareness of social inequality particularly towards women.

✧ wrote editorials in the London Daily News



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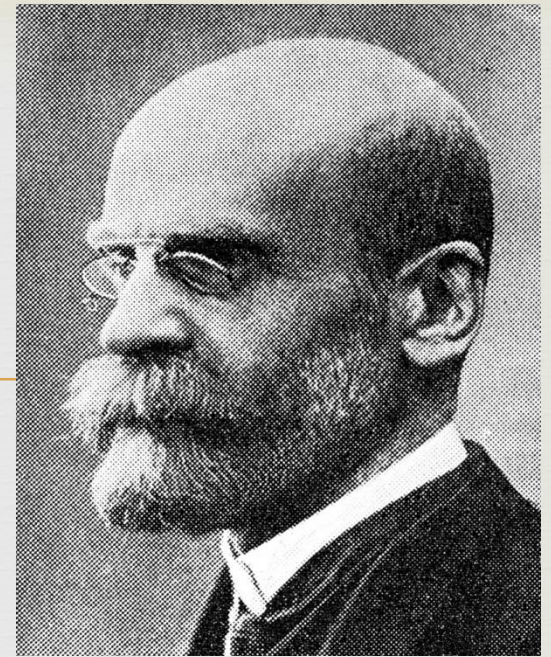
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1. a newspaper article written by or on behalf of an editor that gives an opinion on a topical issue.

Emile Durkheim



- ❧ Durkheim (France) 1858 – 1917
- ❧ Brought sociology to the forefront.
- ❧ Founded the first journal of sociology.
- ❧ Developed the theory of social facts.
 - ❧ customs, institutions, and organizations exert control over people



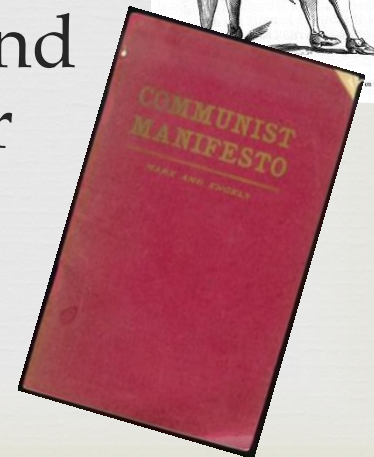
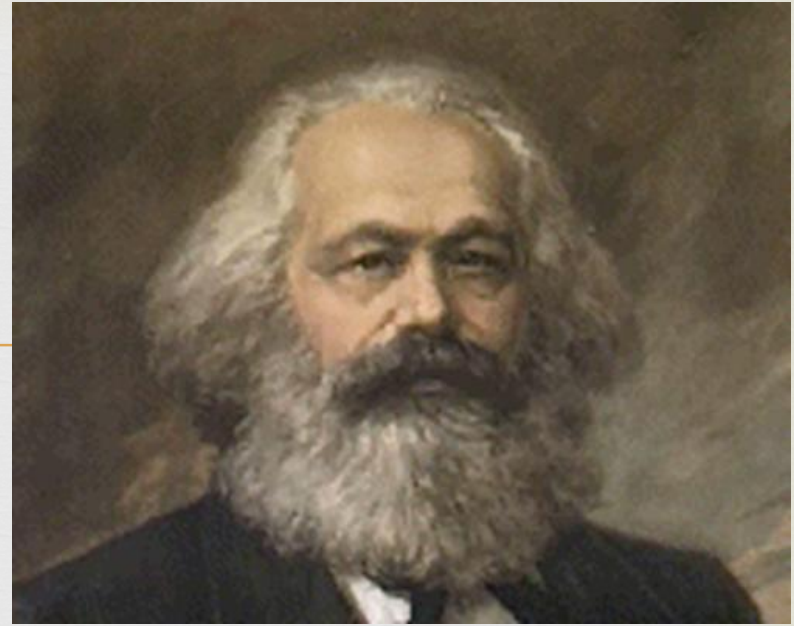
Karl Marx



✧ Marx (German) 1818-1883

✧ Believed capitalism – the economic system that brought about class differences was inequitable and should be replaced by communism – an economic system where resources are more evenly distributed and where class differences would no longer exist.

✧ Wrote the Communist Manifesto.



Max Weber



- ✧ Weber (Germany) 1864-1920
- ✧ Disagreed with Marx.
- ✧ Believed that human values & beliefs affected how people have acted throughout history, not necessarily class struggle.
- ✧ Believed individual action is the unit of sociological analysis – individuals act within society

