

SOCI 100: CLASSICAL SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

MWF 10:00-10:50

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This course provides a broad treatment of classic works of sociological theory and analysis. The course texts present sociological explanations of, among other things, the origins of the state; the relationship between the individual and the community; forms and locations of power; the social bases of democracy; the significance of cultural, religious, and non-material interests; and the problem of education and the shaping of self. We will engage not only with the conclusions of these texts, but also their philosophical presuppositions. Sections are meant to facilitate both writing and the understanding of the texts through discussion, and attendance is mandatory.

Required texts (available at the University Bookstore):

Alexis de Tocqueville – *Democracy in America* (Penguin)

Robert C. Tucker, ed. – *The Marx-Engels Reader* (Norton)*

Max Weber – *The Protestant Ethic and the “Spirit” of Capitalism* (Penguin)

H.H. Gerth & C. Wright Mills, eds. – *From Max Weber: Essays in Sociology* (Oxford)

Émile Durkheim – *Suicide* (Free Press)

*Texts from Marx & Engels can be also found online at marxists.org

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| 9/22 | Introduction |
| | ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE <u>DEMOCRACY, EQUALITY, & SOCIETY</u> |
| 9/26 | Tocqueville, <i>Democracy in America</i> : Vol. 1: part 1: Author’s Introduction, chapters 1-4 |
| 9/28 | Tocqueville, 1:1:5 (pg. 71-74, 95-116); 1:2:6-8 |
| 9/30 | Tocqueville, Author’s Note, 2:2:1-5, 7, 8, 20 |
| 10/3 | Tocqueville, 2:3:1-5, 8-14, 16-18, 21 |
| 10/5 | Tocqueville, 2:3:23, 24, 26; 2:4: <i>Entire</i> |
| | KARL MARX & FRIEDRICH ENGELS <u>HISTORICAL MATERIALISM:</u> |
| 10/7 | Marx, “Theses on Feuerbach” (143-145) |
| 10/10 | Marx, <i>The German Ideology: Part I</i> (146-200) |
| 10/12 | Marx & Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> (469-500) |
| 10/14 | Marx & Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> , cont’d |

ECONOMY, SOCIETY, STATE, & THE SELF

- 10/17 Marx, Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844 (75-81); Alienation and Social Classes (from *The Holy Family*, 133-135); "On the Jewish Question" (26-52)
10/19 Marx, *The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte* (594-618)
10/21 Marx, *Capital* Vol 1. (302-308, 319-361, 384-438); **Essay 1 assigned**
- 10/24 Marx, "Critique of the Gotha Program" (525-541)
10/26 Engels, "On Authority" (730-733); "The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State" (734-759)

MAX WEBER

THE SOCIOLOGY OF IDEAS

- 10/28 Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the "Spirit" of Capitalism* (entire); **Essay 1 due**
- 10/31 Weber, *The Protestant Ethic*, cont'd
11/2 Weber, *The Protestant Ethic*, cont'd

POLITICS & BUREAUCRATIZATION

- 11/4 Weber, "Bureaucracy" (196-208); "The Sociology of Charismatic Authority" (245-252); "Politics as a Vocation" (77-128)
- 11/7 Weber, "Politics as a Vocation", cont'd
11/9 Weber, "Science as a Vocation"
11/11 *Veteran's Day Holiday*

POWER & CULTURE

- 11/14 Weber, "Structures of Power" (159-179); "Class, Status, Party" (180-195); **Essay 2 assigned**
- 11/16 "Capitalism and Rural Society in Germany" (363-385); "National Character and the Junkers" (386-395)
11/18 "The Social Psychology of World Religions" (267-301)

ÉMILE DURKHEIM

SOLIDARITY & ANOMIE

- 11/21 Durkheim, *Suicide*: Preface, Introduction, Books 2 & 3; **Essay 2 due**
11/23 Durkheim, *Suicide*, cont'd
11/25 *Thanksgiving Holiday*
- 11/28 Durkheim, *Suicide*, cont'd
11/30 Durkheim, *Suicide*, cont'd
12/2 Durkheim, *Suicide*, cont'd; Conclusion

12/9 FINAL EXAM, 8:00-11:00AM

Course grades will be determined as follows:

- Essay 1: 25%
- Essay 2: 30%
- Final exam: 35%
- Section: 10%

All dates on course schedule are approximate: reality will no doubt intrude. Both papers and the final exam must be completed to receive a passing grade. Late essays will be penalized 1/3 grade per day late. This course adheres to all university standards for academic honesty, and all papers must be submitted to turnitin.com in order for credit to be received. UCSD's academic integrity code can be viewed at: <http://senate.ucsd.edu/manual/Appendices/Appendix2.pdf>