

Significant Events

Significant Events Industrial Revolution
Social Revolutions (esp. French)
Success of Natural Sciences

 (know as)Father of Sociology
Auguste Comte (1798-1857)
Scientific method can be used to study society
Societies pass through **three stages** of development (*Africa, Asia, Europe, France*)
Not a nice guy BIG ego

 **Social Darwinism**
Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)
Survival of the Fittest
Societies evolve like species
Legitimated sociology in Europe

 Emile Durkheim (1858-1917)
Studied **suicide** (also the **first true sociological study**)
Interested in held society together
-mechanical and organic solidarity

 Max Weber (1864-1920)
Society is becoming more rational
Ideas, not just material relations, influence the course of history

 Karl Marx (1818-1883)
Bourgeoisie vs. Proletariat
False Consciousness

Significant Events (cont)

 W.E.B. Dubois (1868-1963)
Methodological Innovator
First sociologist to study deviance

SI Lecture

Sociological Imagination 1959 (C. Wright Mills)
How does the **average person understand social life?**
-our views are **limited** by the **'orbits'** of our relations

To see the *larger context* of our *experience* we must see how our *biography intersects with history*

Personal Trouble problem that occurs **within the character** of an *individual* or is result of their *limited orbits*
Small population afflicted, and the **individual can fix** the issue

Public Issue A problem that is *beyond* the control of a single *individual* because they are **social in origin**
Individual can't fix. Afflicts a **large population for same-ish reason**

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