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- Mubarak Wins Egypt Election (WP)



## Previously In Class...

- Durkheim: Father of Sociology, Comparative Methods, Anomie, Three types of suicide
  
- Social Structure:
  - Society: Geographic, Cultural, and Political elements
  - Formation of Society: Top-down, Bottom-up
  - Hierarchy of Social Structure:
    - Culture > Institutions > Organizations > Groups > Status/Role
  - Status/Role, Ascribed Status, Achieved Status

# SOC302

## Origin of Sociology

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# Historical Background

## Birth of Sociology

- Relatively young. Less than 200 years old

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- Industrial Revolution
- French Revolution / American Revolution
- Philosophy of Enlightenment

# Economic Change

- Turmoil of Industrial Revolution
- from Feudalism to Capitalism, Imperialism
- from Agriculture to Manufacturing
- from Farm to City (Urbanization, enclosure movement)
- from Peasant to Laborer
- from Family to Factory

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### Change of Political Value

- Less concern with people's moral obligation to God and to political rulers
- and More focus on pursuing one's own self-interest: Individual liberty and Individual rights

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- from Religion to Science
- from Intuitionism to Rationalism



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  - What and How?
  - Establish/preserve new social order
  - Facilitate social changes

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  - New “natural” elite: Society ruled by “scientist”
  - **Only Science can reconcile the interests of classes.**

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- “The Survival of the Fittest”: As generation pass, the most capable and intelligent members of a society survive. Thus, over time, societies steadily improve.
  - No social intervention. The fittest members didn't need any help.
  - Conservative Ideas

# Comte & Spencer versus Durkheim

## Comte & Spencer

Social philosophers. Develop Ideas, not conduct scientific studies.  
Founders of Sociology

## Durkheim

First sociologists who did scientific empirical studies.  
Father of Sociology



# American Sociology

- 1st sociology class: Yale 1876 William Graham
- 1st sociology department: 1892 University of Chicago
- 2005: 100th anniversary of ASA (American Sociological Association)

## Development of Sociological Theory

- Structural Functionalism
- Conflict Theories
- Symbolic Interactionism

# Epilogue

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