

Society

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Society

- Group of people who share a territory and culture
- Culture: meanings given to symbols or the process of 'meaning-making'
- All human societies have cultures and vice versa

Societal Development

- Subsistence systems
- Hunter-Gatherers
 - Egalitarian
- Pastoralist
 - Beginning of hierarchies and division of labor
- Horticulturalist
- Agrarian
 - Subsistence vs. industrial

Societal Development (cont'd)

- Industrial
 - Clear hierarchies and divisions of labor
 - Impact on relationships
- Post-Industrial
 - Service industry
 - Technology

Weber and Rationalization

- The iron-cage of bureaucracy
- Is there a solution?
- Is bureaucracy so bad?

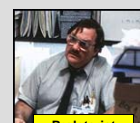
Marx and Alienation

- Species being
- Exploitation
- Is there a solution?



Bourgeoisie

Means of
Production



Proletariat

Labor Power



Profit

Durkheim and Solidarity

- Anomie
- Mechanical vs. Organic
- Where you make your friends...
 - Religion
 - Work

Conclusion

- Is post-industrial life that bad?
- What if you take a world view on this issue?
- Were the early sociologists wrong?
- What's going to happen in the future?