

Week 2

Sociological perspectives each have a different mode of analysis, distinctive vocabulary and concepts and different conclusions and explanations.

Sociological analysis of any issue or problem is scientific to the extent that it is systematic, by which we mean based on: the collection and analysis of information and data, the making of observations that are recorded and compared with each other and the development of generalisations to explain the data.

Max Weber argued that sociology should: account for the meanings people bring to their situation.

Feminists of the 1970s and 1980s identified gender's effect on all levels in all societies. Prior to this, what the dynamics of class was considered by sociologists as the primary cause of social change?

Michael Burawoy sees the current sociological world as dominated by professional and policy sociology

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Simmel, Durkheim, Marx and Weber four early sociologists

With regard to Durkheim he argued that human behaviour takes place within the framework of social facts

For Durkheim, contract law and occupational groups were two important expressions of the pursuit of social justice

According to Parsons, business transactions are governed by shared norms and values

According to Marx, social institutions are anchored in Economic relationships?

According to Marx, the most important expression of alienation in capitalist society is in the realm of work

Writers in the tradition of Western Marxism were inspired by Marx's ideas but placed heavier emphasis on the role of culture and ideas.

The group of sociologists of the Frankfurt School often have their work referred to collectively as critical theory