

Theories of Social Order
SOC 314-07
Classical Theory Essay

Instructions: Send a Word Doc/Google Doc/PDF of your essay per the structure below to mtramontano@jjay.cuny.edu by 11:59pm on Wednesday, October 14

Structure:

- Introduction
- Classical Theorist 1 of 3
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- Conclusion

Detailed Questions

Introduction: Who are the three classical theorists you have selected, which of their ideas will you cover in this essay, and why is it important to know how classical theorists theorized social order?

Body: a total of 6 paragraphs – one general, one specific for each of the three classical theorists you select.

*Classical Theorists: Choose **THREE** out of the five theorists. Be sure to answer the general question and the questions about specific theories per the list below.*

1. Durkheim:

General: What is Durkheim's theory of social order? How does he define society? What are its tendencies?

Specific: Explain Durkheim's theory of social solidarity (both mechanical and organic and use examples to illustrate your understanding).

2. Marx:

General: What is Marx's theory of social order under capitalism? How does he define society? What are its tendencies?

Specific: Explain Marx's theory of alienation (include the five steps and use examples to illustrate your understanding.)

3. Weber:

General: What is Weber's theory of social order under bureaucracy? How does he define society? What balance needs to be struck to understand the world sociologically?

Specific: Explain Weber's theory of legitimate authority (include all three types and use examples to illustrate your understanding.)

4. Simmel:

General: What is Simmel's theory of social order in modernity? How does he define society?

Specific: Explain Simmel's theory of the blasé attitude (use examples to illustrate your understanding.)

5. Mead:

General: What is Mead's theory of social order? How does he define society?

Specific: Explain Mead's theory of the "I" and the "me" (use examples to illustrate your understanding.)

Conclusion: Whose ideas did you cover in the essay and what does reviewing their theories teach you about social order in the classical era?