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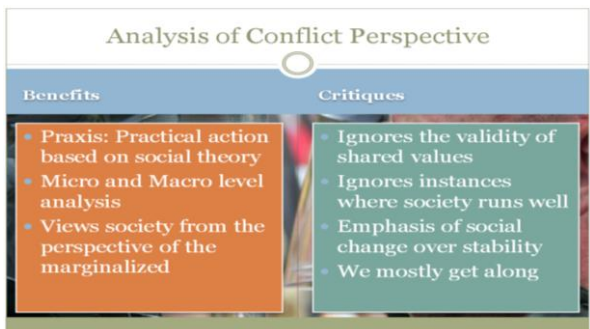
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### Karl Marx

#### Capitalism the source of economic inequality

- Source of all conflict

#### Two classes

- Bourgeoisie
- Proletariat

#### Labor provides value

#### Bourgeoisie exploits Proletariat labor

- Becomes wealthy on the value added
- Proletariat experience alienation



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### Marxist Theory

#### • Tremendous Explanatory value

- Emphasis on social class
- Class consciousness
- Economic centrality

#### • Marxist Politics

- Sociologically irrelevant
- Burdens Marxist Theorists

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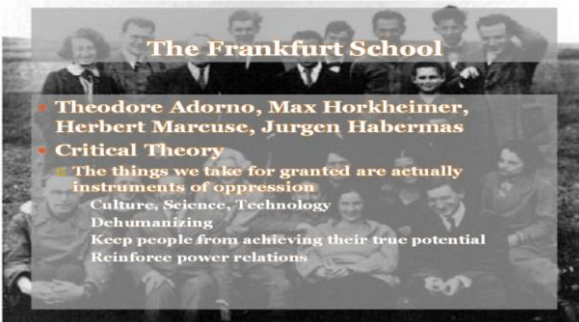
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### The Frankfurt School

#### • Theodore Adorno, Max Horkheimer, Herbert Marcuse, Jürgen Habermas

#### • Critical Theory

- The things we take for granted are actually instruments of oppression
  - Culture, Science, Technology
  - Dehumanizing
  - Keep people from achieving their true potential
  - Reinforce power relations



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### Max Weber

- Rationalisation:
  - Bureaucracies
  - Dehumanising Iron Cage
- Class
  - Probability to...Procure goods, position, satisfaction
- Status
  - Lifestyle, Occupation, education
- Authority and Legitimacy
  - Charismatic, Traditional, Rational-Legal
- Power and Party
- *Verstehen*



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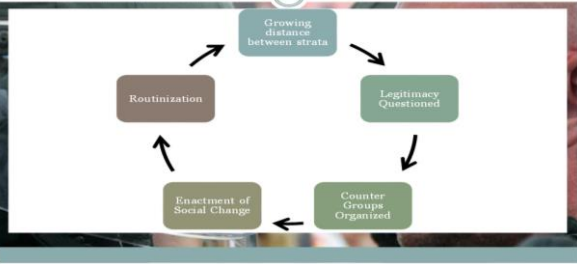
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### Weber and Social Change



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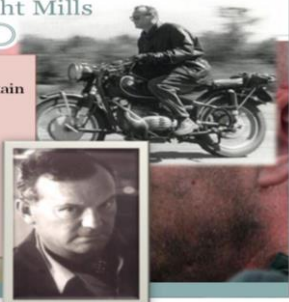
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### C. Wright Mills

- The Power Elite
  - How the elite of society maintain their position
  - Concentration of power and status
    - Corporate
    - Military
    - National Executive
  - Elite interests



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### W.E.B DuBois

- "The Philadelphia Negro"
- *The Souls of Black Folk*
- Oppression = Cultural
  - Denial of History
  - Controlling Representation
  - Stereotyping
    - Free/Segregated
- Double Consciousness
- Capitalism = Exploitation
- Active Sociology
  - Founded NAACP



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### Feminism

- Dorothy Smith
  - Standpoint theory
    - White, male, propertied class
  - Bifurcation of Consciousness
- Patricia Hill Collins
  - Matrix of Domination
  - Black Feminism
- Judith Butler
  - Performativity
  - Queer Theory
  - Heterosexual Matrix



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### Questions from a Conflict Perspective

- What groups dominate in society, and how is this domination justified?
- How does the dominant group maintain dominance?
- Who benefits from a particular social arrangement?
- Who is exploited in a particular social arrangement?
- How does the phenomenon reinforce our existing justifications of dominance and subordination?

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### Conflict Assumptions

Society is designed by a dominant group at the expense of the subordinate group?  
It is important to understand the "standpoint" of the subordinate group.  
Dominant and subordinate status are not based on "natural" social position.

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