

Intro to Sociology

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* Chapter 1

- sociology is the systematic study of human society
- examine how social world guides our actions
- sociological perspective - seeing general patterns in the behavior of a people
- sociology was born as a result of social changes
- those changes were industrial, city growth, and political

* Early Sociology

- Confucius, Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Shakespeare
- Auguste Comte - coined the term "sociology" in 1838
- he wanted to study it as a field
- he acknowledged rules that govern behavior

* Sociology Theory

- Theory - a statement of how and why specific facts are related
- socio. theory explains social behavior
- 3 theory approaches:
 1. Structural Functionalism
 2. Conflict Theory
 3. Symbolic Interaction
- SF - sees society as separate parts that work together
- CT - sees society as separate parts that compete for power (Carl Marx)
- Marxist - social conflict is caused by economy
- non-Marxist - social conflict not from economy, (race, women's rights, etc.)