

SEM

* Social Change

- sociology is used to document society & institutions
- invention, discovery, & diffusion
- conflict can cause social change
- inequality can cause social change
- Marx laid out framework of revolution
- ideas cause social change
- Weber said most changes are because of ideas
- demographic changes cause change - population boom, minorities
- population getting older - medical research & home that are built
- migration from cold to warm

* Disasters

- unexpected, harms people & property
- floods, earthquakes, forest fires, & hurricanes
- tornadoes not included
- technological disasters - post industrial revolution
- Kai Erikson - writes about tech disasters
- nuclear, pollution, etc
- 3 conclusions he made about social consequences,
 1. causes physical damage & loss of human community
 2. social damage more serious when a toxic substance is involved
 3. most serious damage is actions of other people