

Lecture 4: The Functionalist Perspective

Notes

Essential Question: What are the benefits of using the Functionalist Perspective?

What is the primary question of sociology?

How do Functionalists analyze society?

What are some basic assumptions of functionalists?

- 1.
- 2.

Herbert Spencer

What was Spencer's contribution to Functionalism

1. The Organic Model

Three Structures

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2 Social Darwinism

Consequences of coercive charity

- 1.
- 2.

Emile Durkheim

Define the Following in Durkheimian terms

Solidarity

Mechanical Solidarity

How does population affect this

Law of Social Gravity

What factors contribute to this

What is Division of Labor

How does it contribute to solidarity

Organic Solidarity

Moral Density

What is the importance of collective rituals

What are the Functions of Deviance

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Talcott Parsons

What was Parson's interest of study

What are Structures

What are Functions

What are Four Basic Functions of Society

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What are the Four Basic Structures

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. ?

Robert Merton

Define the Following

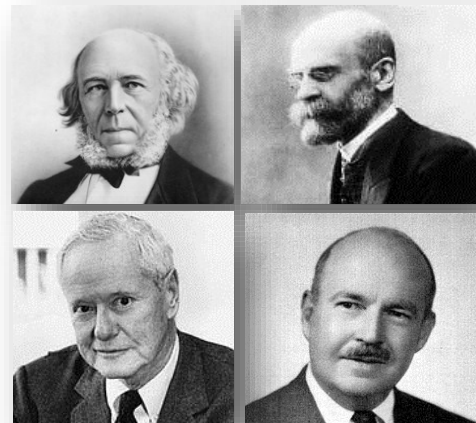
Manifest Functions

Latent Functions

Latent Dysfunctions

What are some strengths of the Functionalist Perspective?

What are some weaknesses of the Functionalist Perspective?



Write a summary of your notes by answering the Essential Question