

YEAR 12 – BRIDGING UNITS

A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY



ST HILDA'S
COLLEGE

The 6th Form
@ St Hilda's

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units

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Please complete this pack by Wednesday 16th September.

Part one: What is Sociology?



Without researching – what is your understanding of what Sociology is?

Now scan the QR Code and watch the clip :



From the clip and your understanding can you now summarise what Sociology is:



Part two: Consensus Theories

At the heart of Sociology is theories explaining how Society works and why. There are broadly 2 ways of thinking about society. One of which is:

Consensus

Harmony and agreement among members about basic values. A positive view of society.

Functionalism

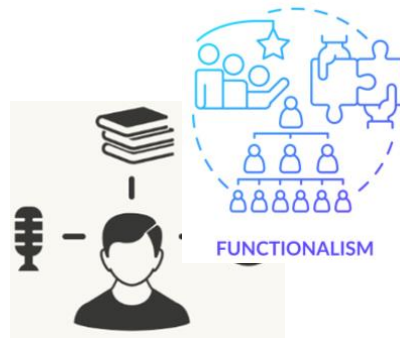
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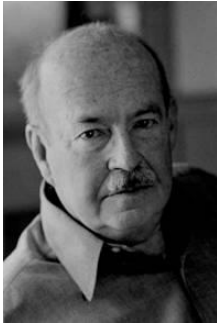
Functionalist Sociologists:

RESEARCH TASK

Using your own research find out what these Functionalists had to say about Society -any key theories, ideas or quotes?



Emile Durkheim



Talcott Parsons

Part two: Conflict Theories

At the heart of Sociology is theories explaining how Society works and why. There are broadly 2 ways of thinking about society. One of which is:

Conflict

There is division among members of society where some have more power and status than others and exploit this. A negative view on society.

Marxism

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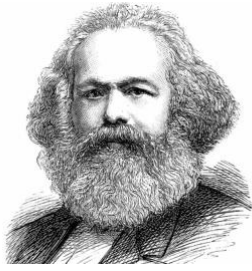
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Marxist Sociologists:

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Karl Marx



Paul Willis

Feminism

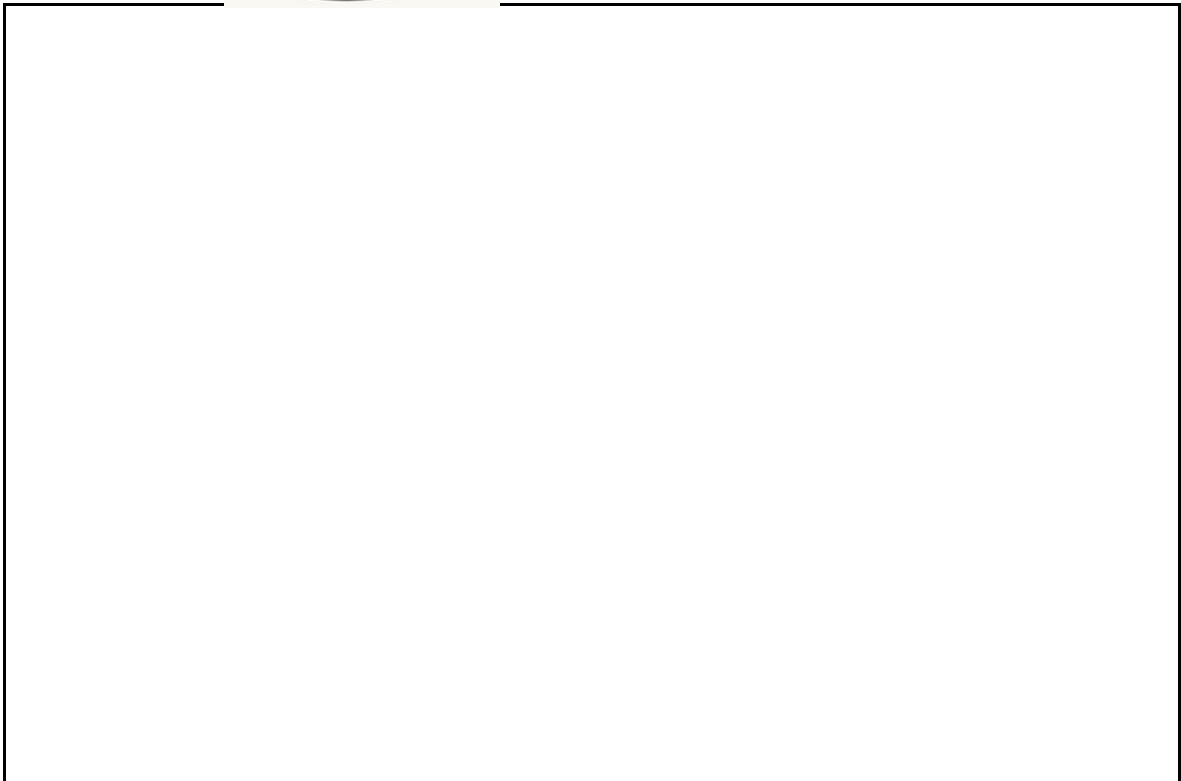
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Feminist Sociologists:

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Using your own research find out what these Feminists had to say about Society -any key theories, ideas or quotes?



Anne Oakley



Germaine Greer

Part three: The Political spectrum: Left Wing Vs Right Wing

The political spectrum helps explain where **politicians, parties and policies fall relative to each other**. It is a scale with **two opposite ends** - the left and the right.

Using this image, the clips AND your own research complete the information for each wing.

LEFT WING

Political parties
(UK/USA)

Newspaper/Media channels:

Views on Economic policies

Views on Social policies



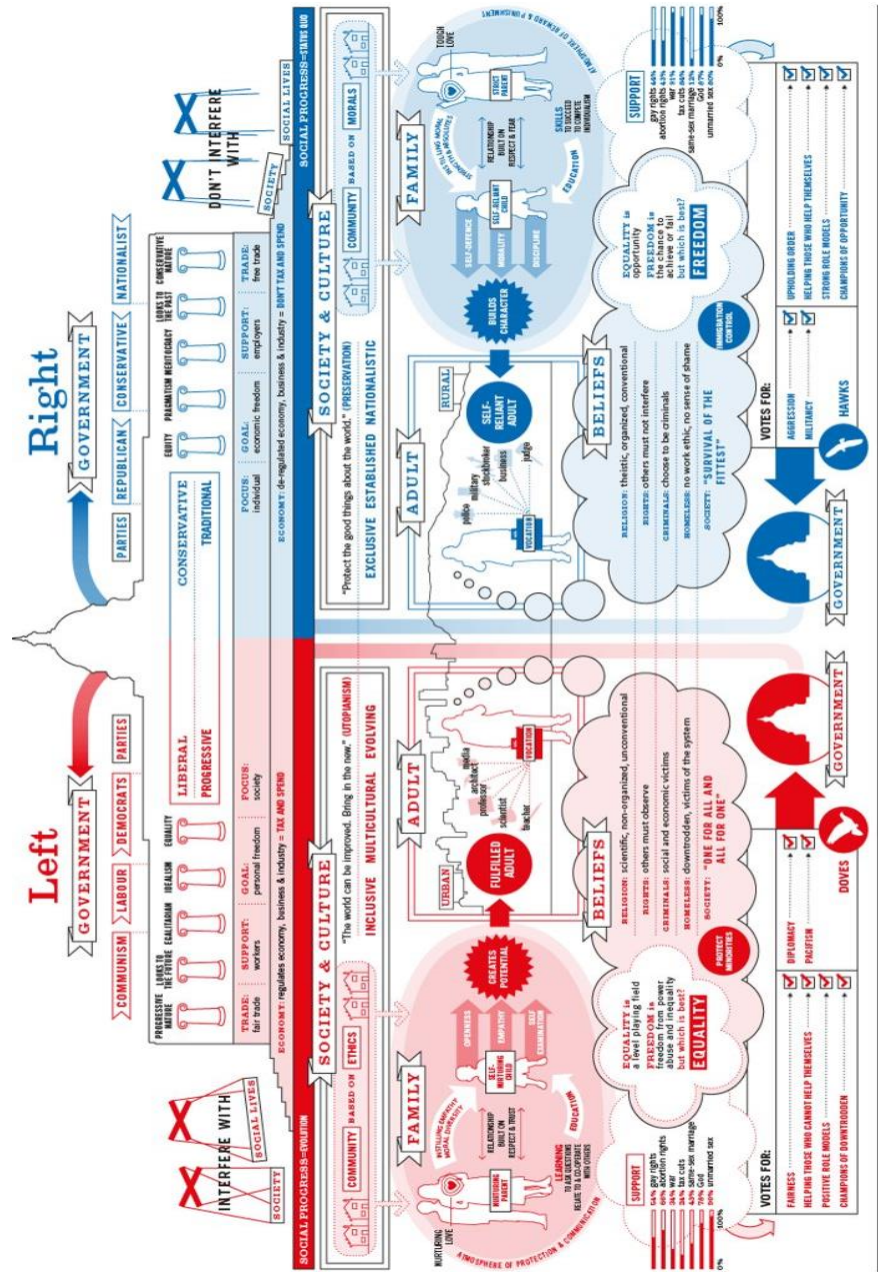
RIGHT WING

**Political parties
(UK/USA)**

Newspaper/Media channels:

Views on Economic policies

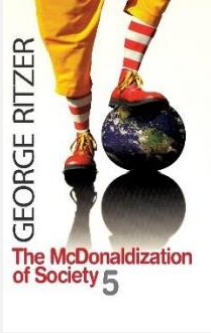
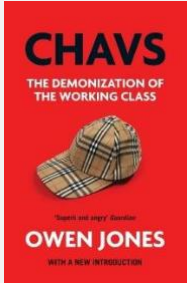
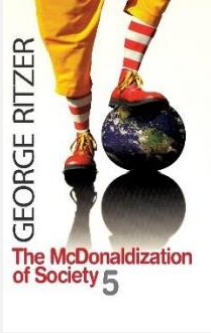
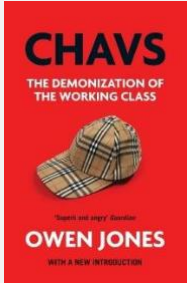
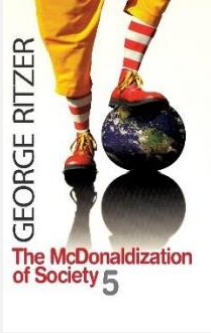
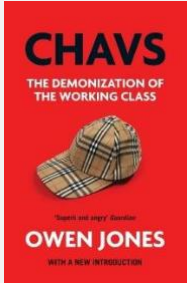
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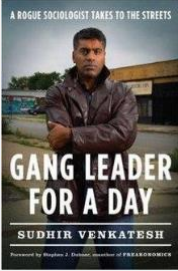
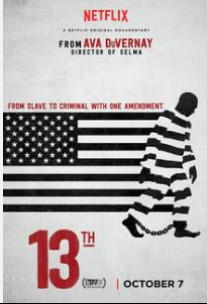


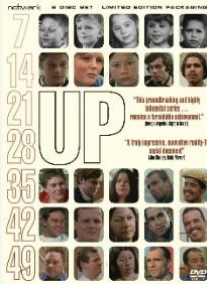
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EXTRA RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR UNDERSTANDING:

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	Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh  When Sudhir Venkatesh, a product of the prosperous suburbs of southern California, first arrived at the University of Chicago in 1989 as a graduate student in sociology, he was strongly cautioned never to venture outside the small “safe” enclave that was actively patrolled by the campus police force. For the next nine years, he routinely ignored that advice. Instead, armed only with a notebook, his curiosity, and an innate indifference to peril that some would call brave and others might deem foolhardy, he immersed himself in the daily life of a nearby housing project, the Robert Taylor Homes. Venkatesh took the logical—but also unheard of—step of actually getting to know the people on whom he was trying to become an academic expert. The result was not only a remarkable Ph.D. dissertation but also a host of astonishing experiences and observations that Venkatesh has now published in his deeply engaging memoir Gang Leader for a Day.
WATCHING 	13th (Netflix)  Filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. The Social Dilemma (Netflix) This documentary-drama hybrid explores the dangerous human impact of social networking, with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations.

	 7up series  The Up series of documentary films follows the lives of ten males and four females in England beginning in 1964, when they were seven years old. The first film was titled Seven Up!, with later films adjusting the number in the title to match the age of the subjects. It is an excellent longitudinal study of a cross-section of class and society in postmodern Britain.
LISTENING 	Thinking Allowed (BBC Radio 4) https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qy05/episodes/downloads A BBC Radio 4 podcast in which host Laurie Taylor interviews sociologists on their latest research and current events. Social Science Bites by Social Science Space https://www.socialsciencespace.com/about-socialsciencebites/  The social world is a world we create, that we all have in common. In this illuminating podcast series, leading social scientists share their perspectives on how our social world is created, and how social science can help us understand people and how they behave.