

ORIGINS OF SOCIOLOGICAL THINKING

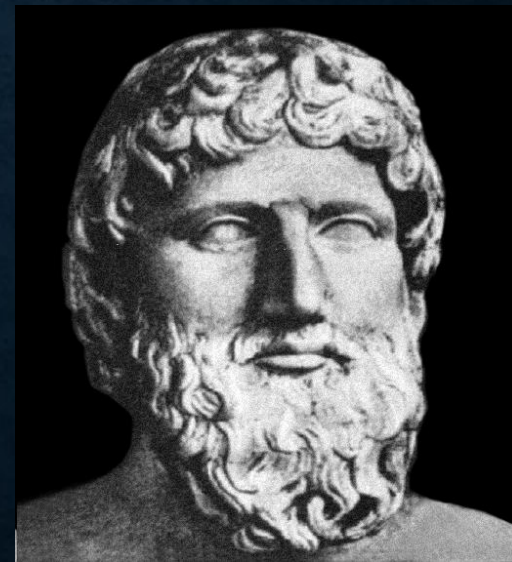


**WHEN DO YOU THINK PEOPLE STARTED TO
REFLECT ABOUT / ANALYZE SOCIETY?**



SOCIOLOGICAL THINKING

- **The first systematic analysis of society is found in the philosophies of early Greek philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle. These approaches did not reflect a modern sociological perspective because their work emphasized how society ought to be, rather than describing how society actually was.**



THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

Subsequent contributions to sociology would come later and proposed the idea of universal laws and self-regulating systems; and from the Age of Enlightenment whose contributions were on two fronts. First, it emphasized the importance of critical reasoning and experience to the individual; second, the Enlightenment itself produced an intellectual revolution in how people thought about social change, and progress. This change of 'mind' would lay the foundation for the 'revolutions' (social and industrial) of the eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



INDUSTRIALIZATION

- This refers to the process by which societies are transformed from dependence on agriculture and handmade products to an emphasis on manufacturing and related industries - and urbanization -the process by which an increasing proportion of a population lives in cities rather than rural areas— contributed to the development of sociological thinking.
- Leading to further thinking about how social interactions occur in various settings

CRITICAL TIME PERIODS TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

- **Three particular time periods had a critical impact on the development of sociological thought:**
- **The Scientific Revolution**
- **The Age of Enlightenment**
- **Industrial Revolution**

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<u>"Name" Time period</u>	<u>Time period</u>	<u>Key Figures</u>	<u>Main Ideas</u>	<u>Influence on ideas about society</u>
Scientific Revolution				
Age of Enlightenment				
Industrial Revolution				

TIME LINE

- Create a timeline (you can create a timeline key if putting in all information is difficult for you) and identify the key events and influences on sociology's early development

QUESTION?

- How did each of these developments produce new ways of thinking that changed the way in which humans perceived and analyzed society?