

Welcome to the Study of Society



Introduction to Sociology | Hunter College
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What is sociology?

“Sociology is the systematic study of society and social interaction.”

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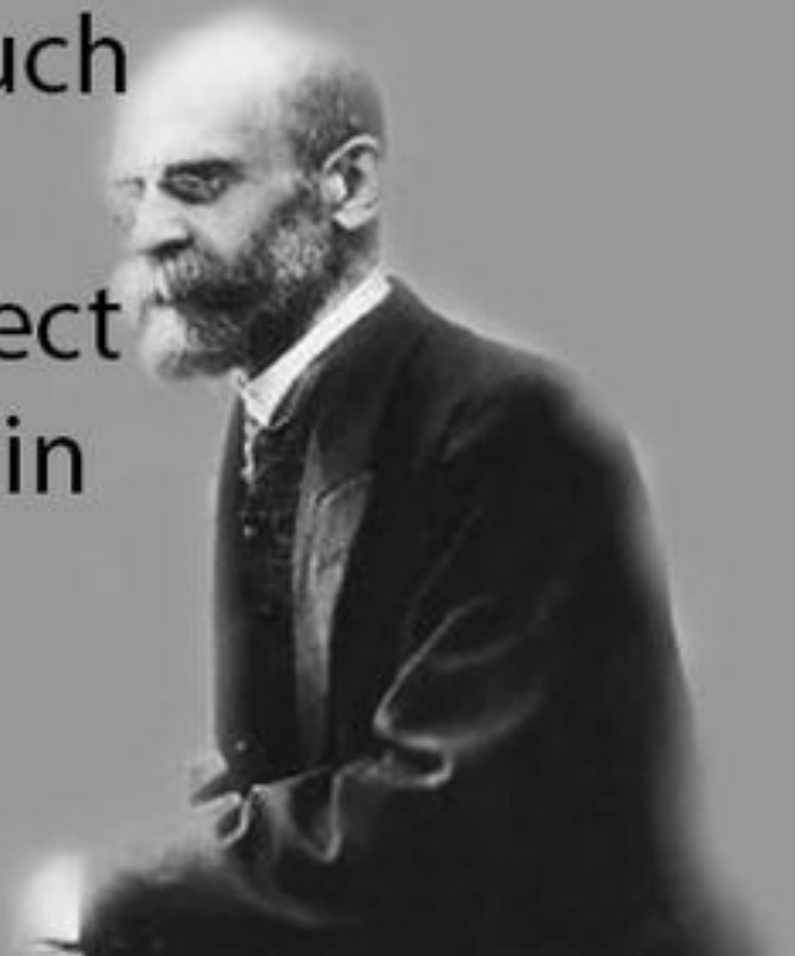
Industrial Revolution 1760-1820

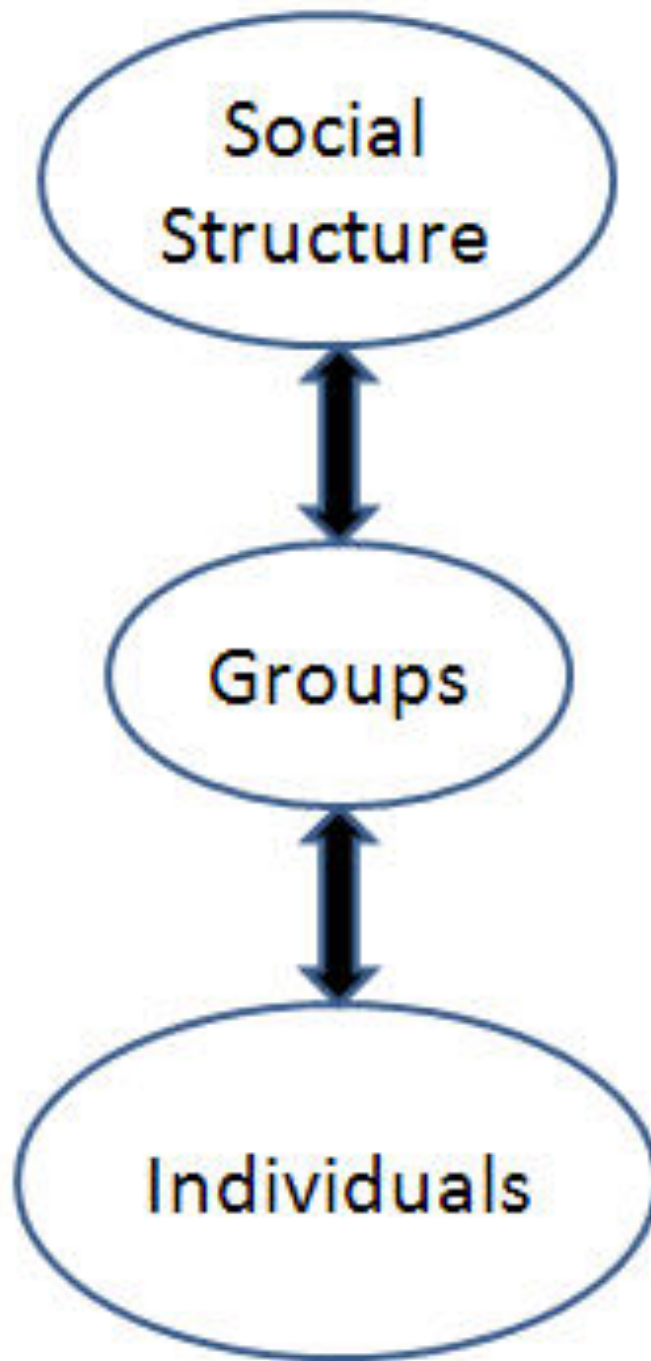


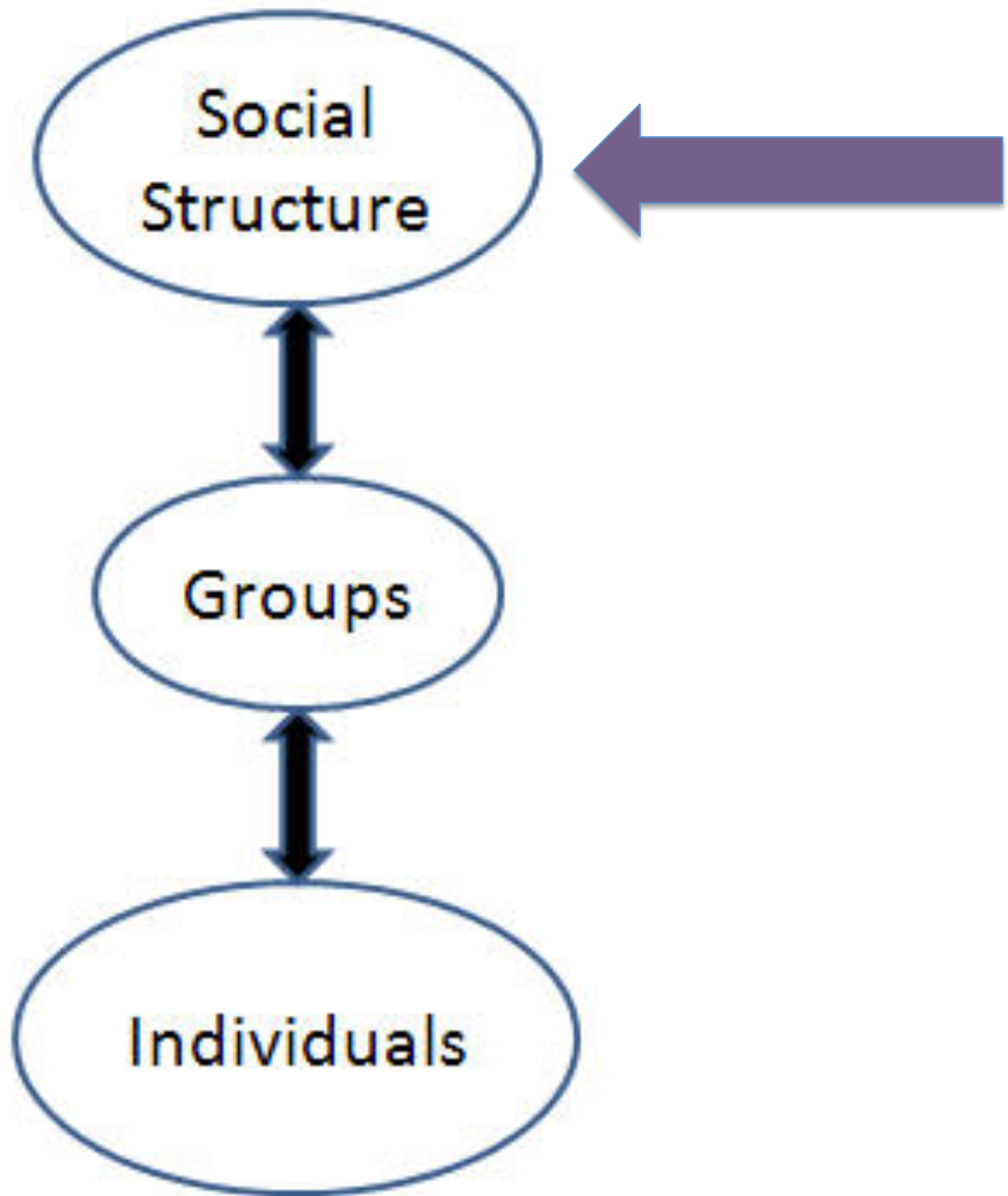
How does society keep
functioning when there are
major upheavals?

Émile Durkheim (1857-1917)

External social facts such as traditions, values, religions, and laws affect the behavior of those in the society.

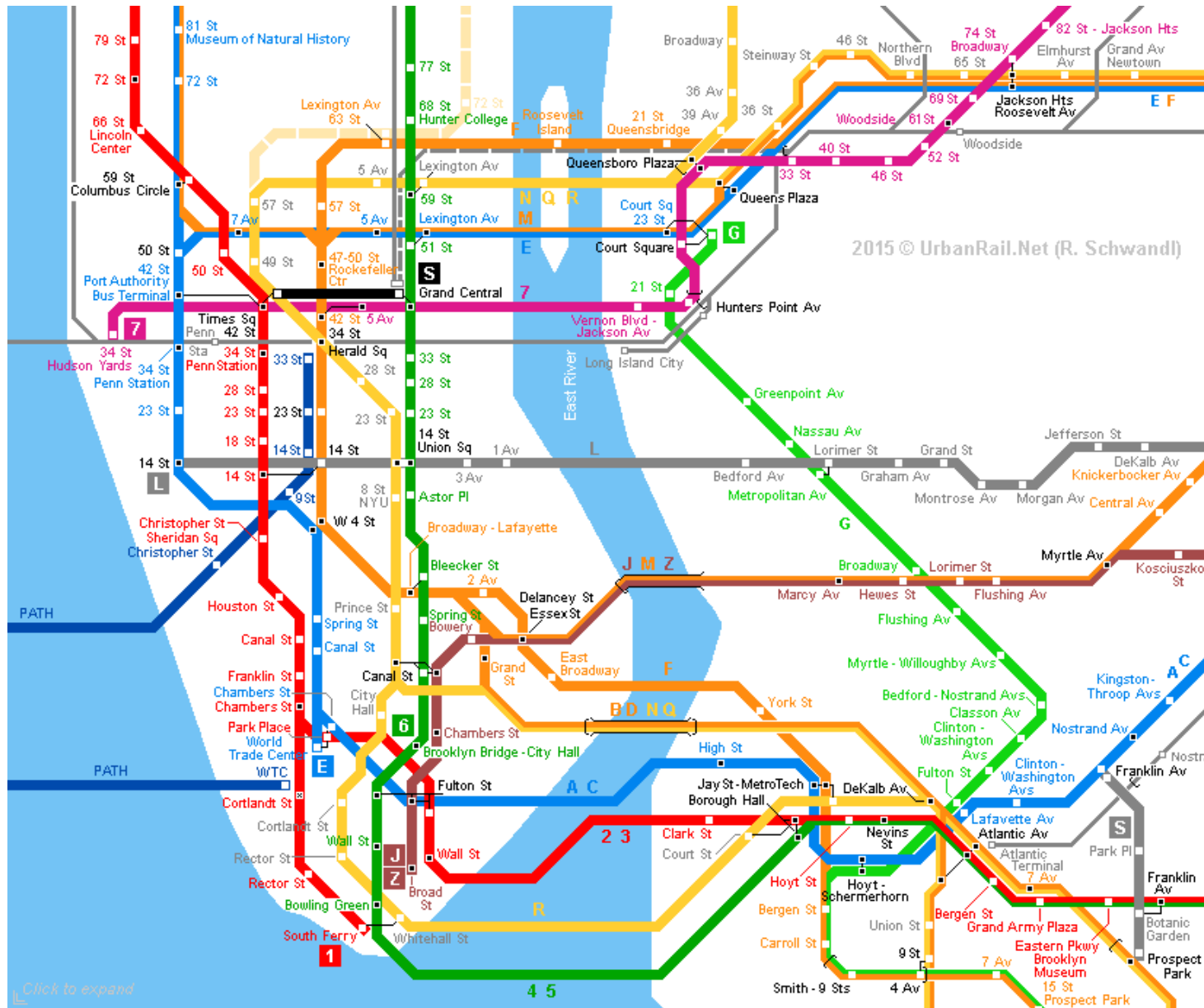




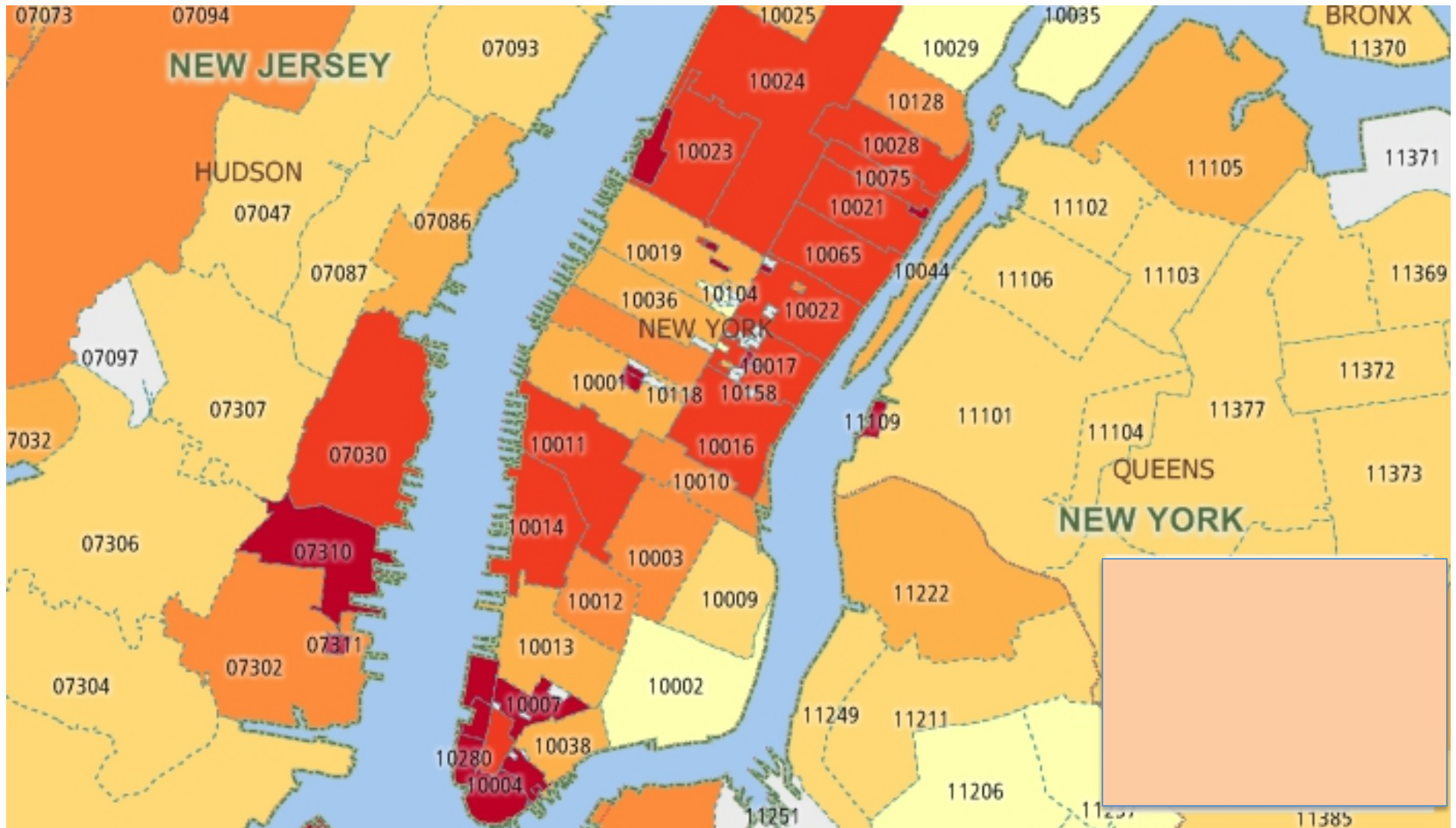


What is a social structure?

Sometimes these are physical structures



Oftentimes these are institutional



ZIP codes structure opportunity

Can Your ZIP Code Determine How Healthy You Are?

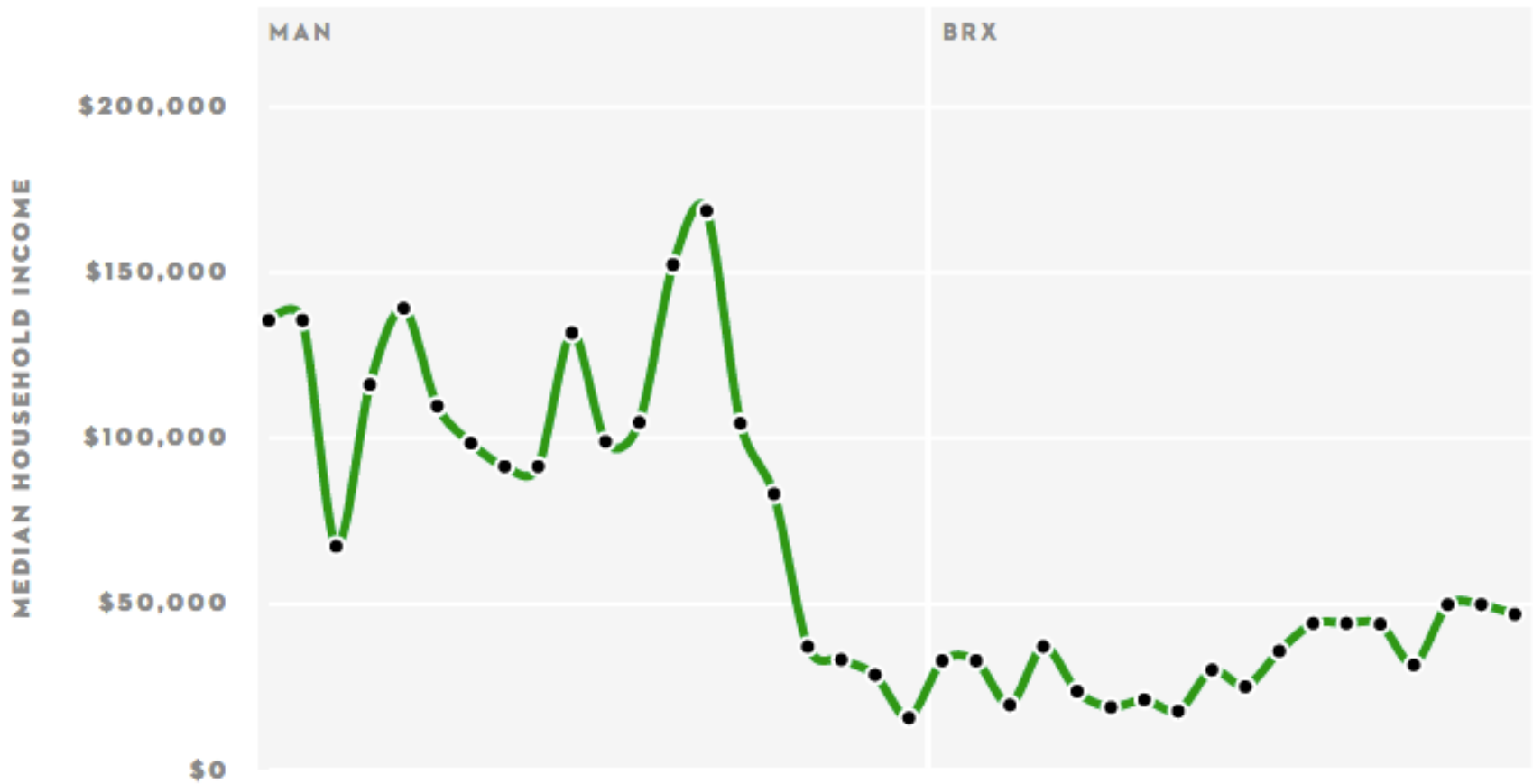


Think – Pair – Share

How does your ZIP code shape your life?

CHOOSE A LINE, TAKE A RIDE

- 1
- 2
- 3
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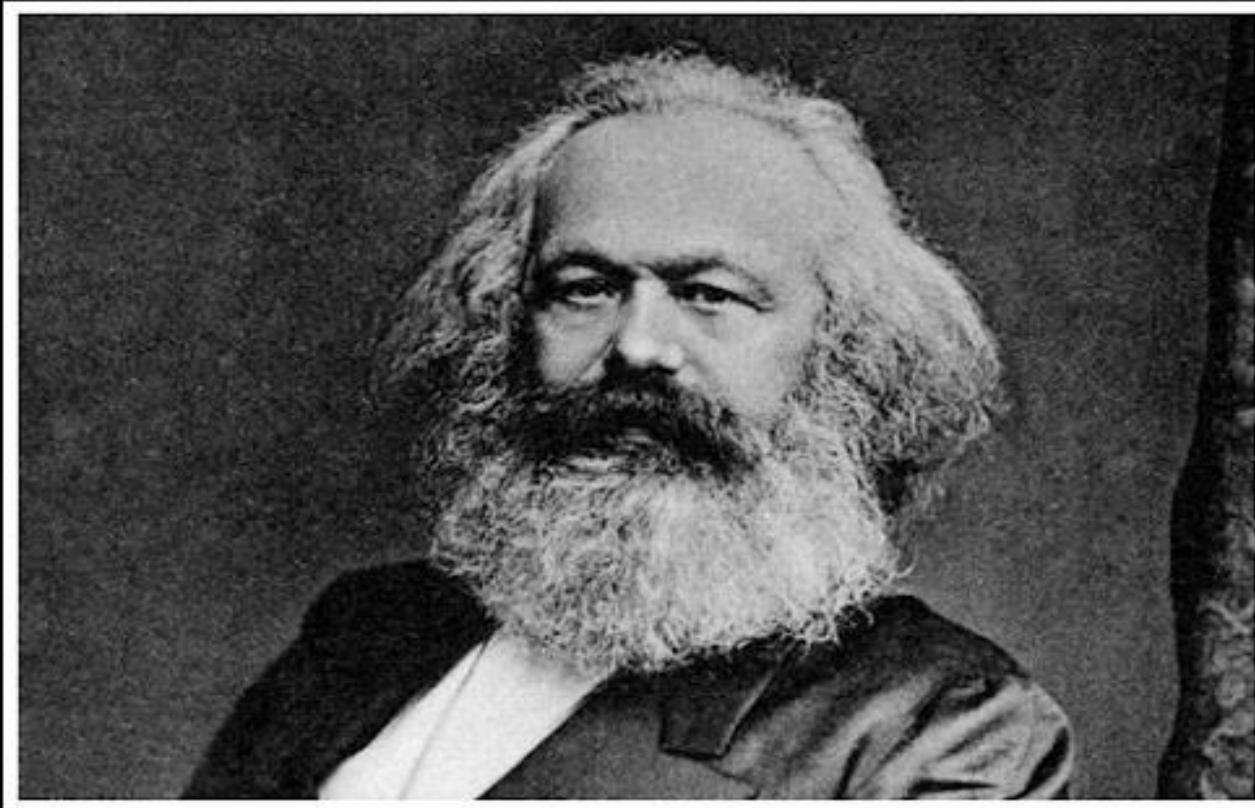
Key Sociological Question: **Who Benefits?**



The Wealth Gap



Karl Marx (1818 – 1883)



The history of all hitherto existing society
is the history of class struggles

Karl Marx

How Do Culture & Religion Shape Us?



Max Weber (1864-1920)



“The fate of our times is characterized by rationalization and intellectualization and, above all, by the disenchantment of the world.”

Max Weber

MAX WEBER



IN HIS IRON CAGE

Meanwhile, in the U.S. ...

W.E.B. DuBois (1868 – 1963)



- PhD, Harvard (1895)
- Sociologist
- Founder, NAACP
- Pan-Africanist

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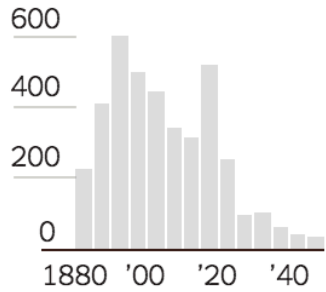


**THE PROBLEM OF THE
TWENTIETH CENTURY IS
THE PROBLEM OF THE
COLOR LINE**

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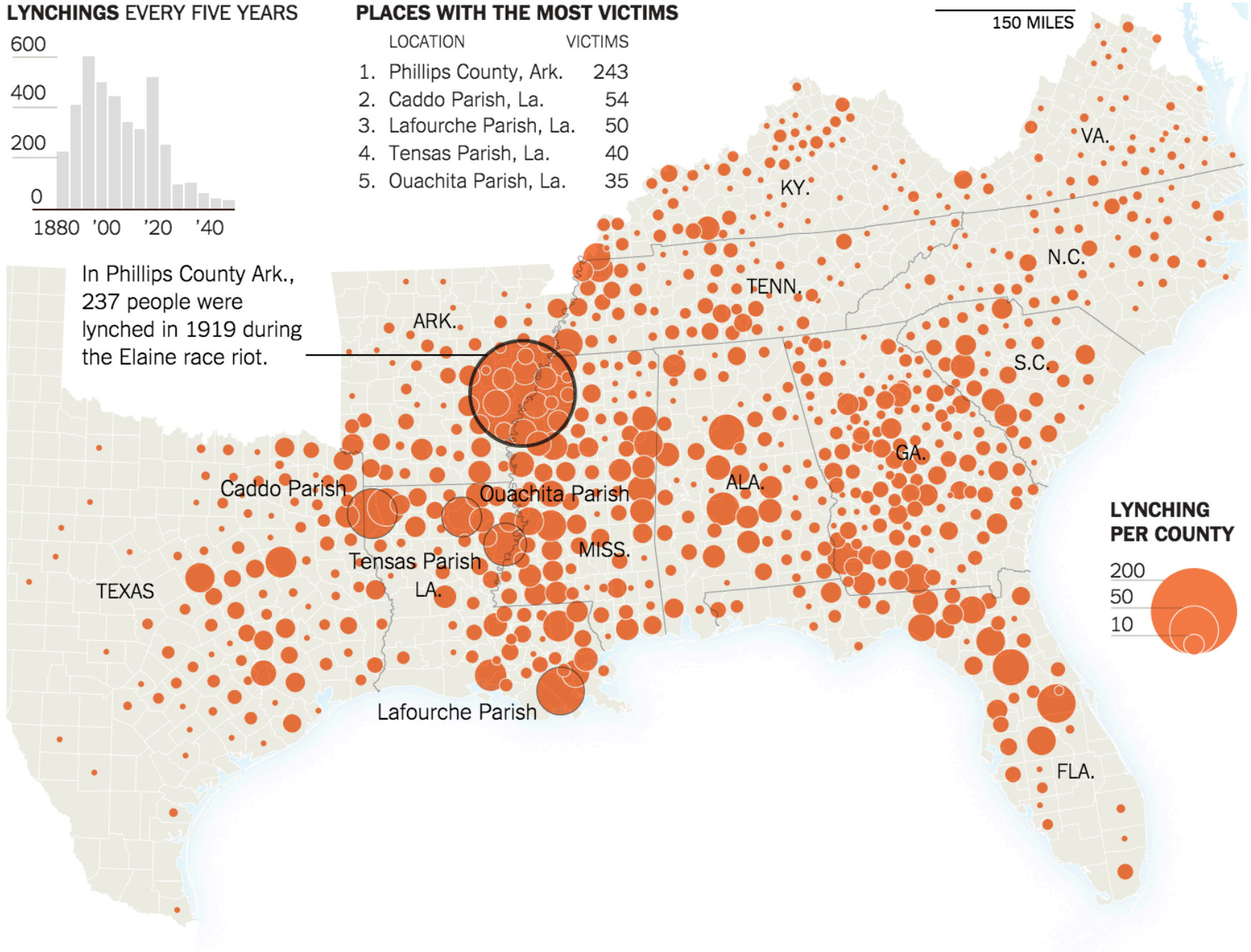
LYNCHINGS EVERY FIVE YEARS



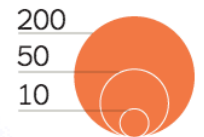
PLACES WITH THE MOST VICTIMS

LOCATION	VICTIMS
1. Phillips County, Ark.	243
2. Caddo Parish, La.	54
3. Lafourche Parish, La.	50
4. Tensas Parish, La.	40
5. Ouachita Parish, La.	35

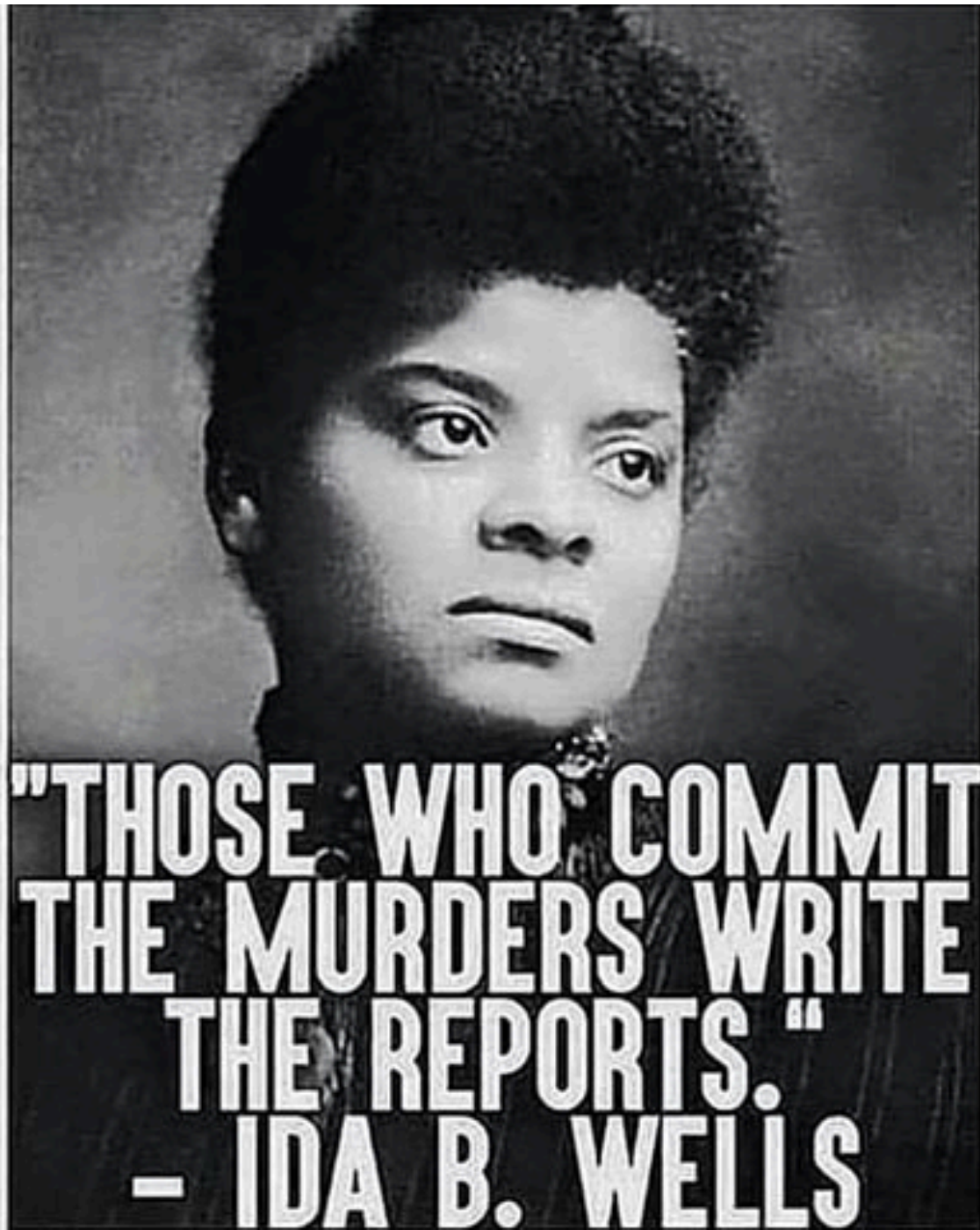
In Phillips County Ark., 237 people were lynched in 1919 during the Elaine race riot.



LYNCHING PER COUNTY

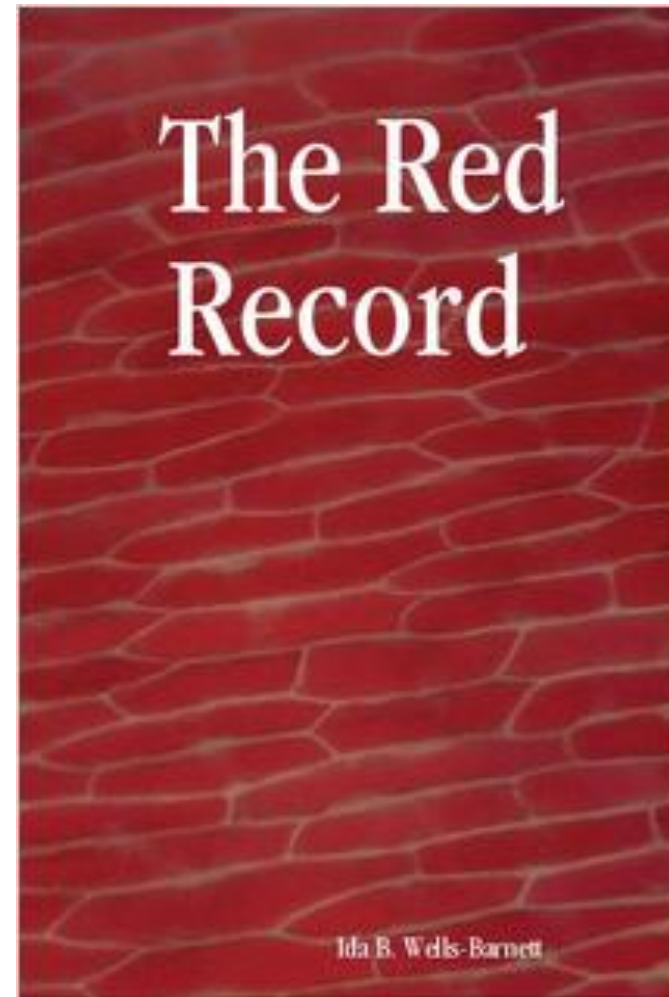
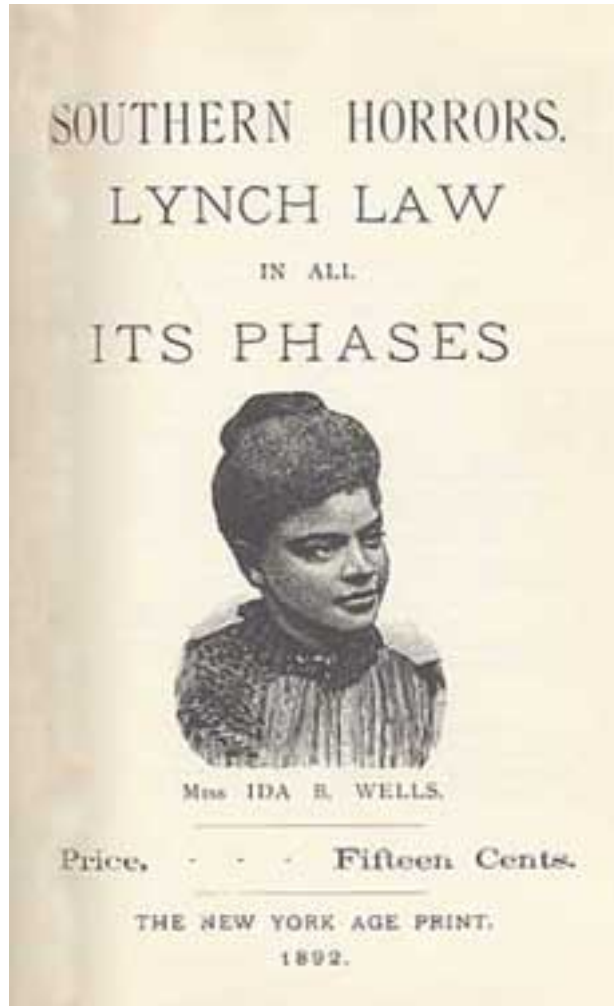






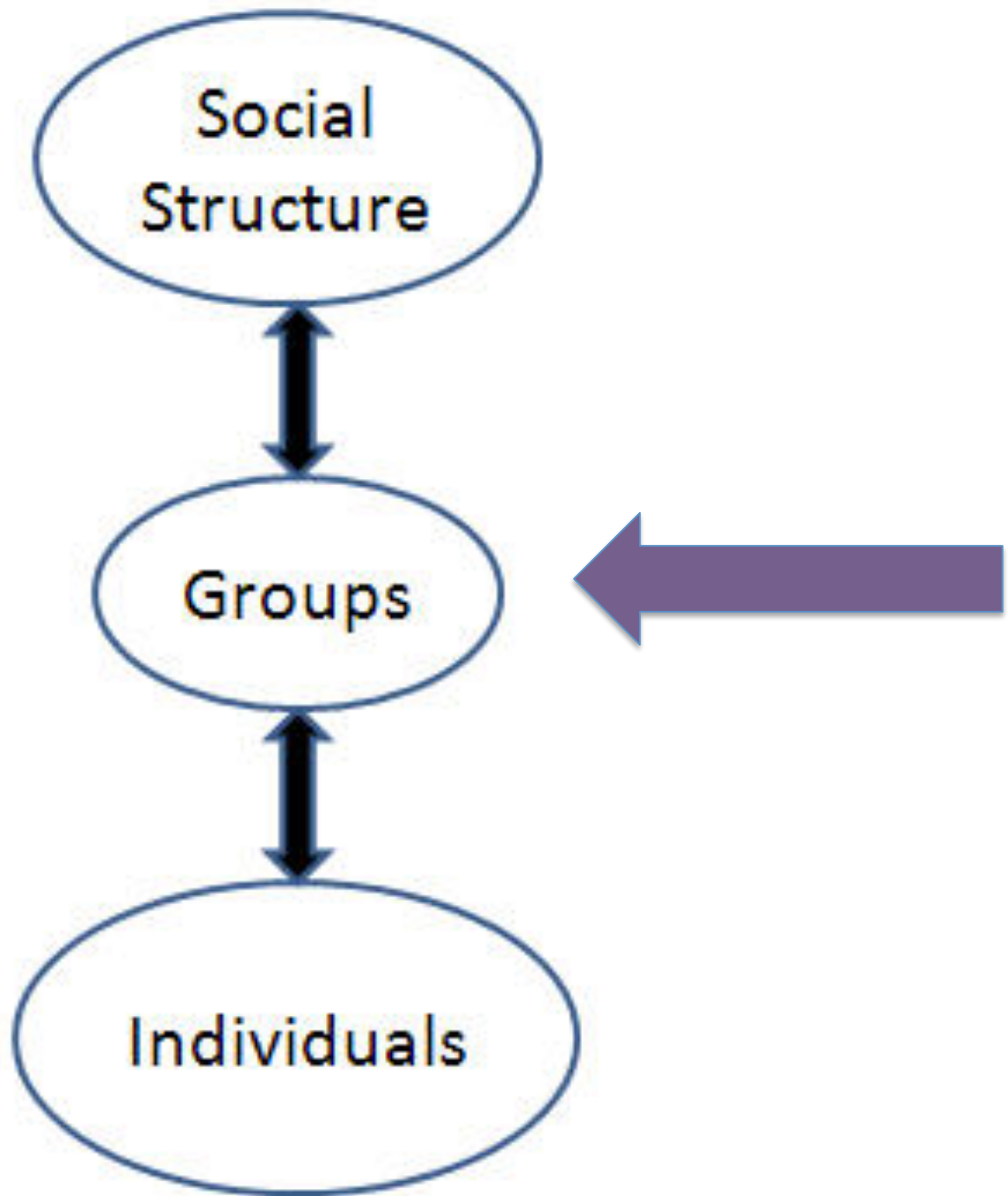
**"THOSE WHO COMMIT
THE MURDERS WRITE
THE REPORTS."
- IDA B. WELLS**

'Social Facts'



How Does Social Change Happen?





Mariame Kaba: Organizer & Sociologist





AMERICA

Decades Later, Victims Of Chicago Police Torture Paid Reparations

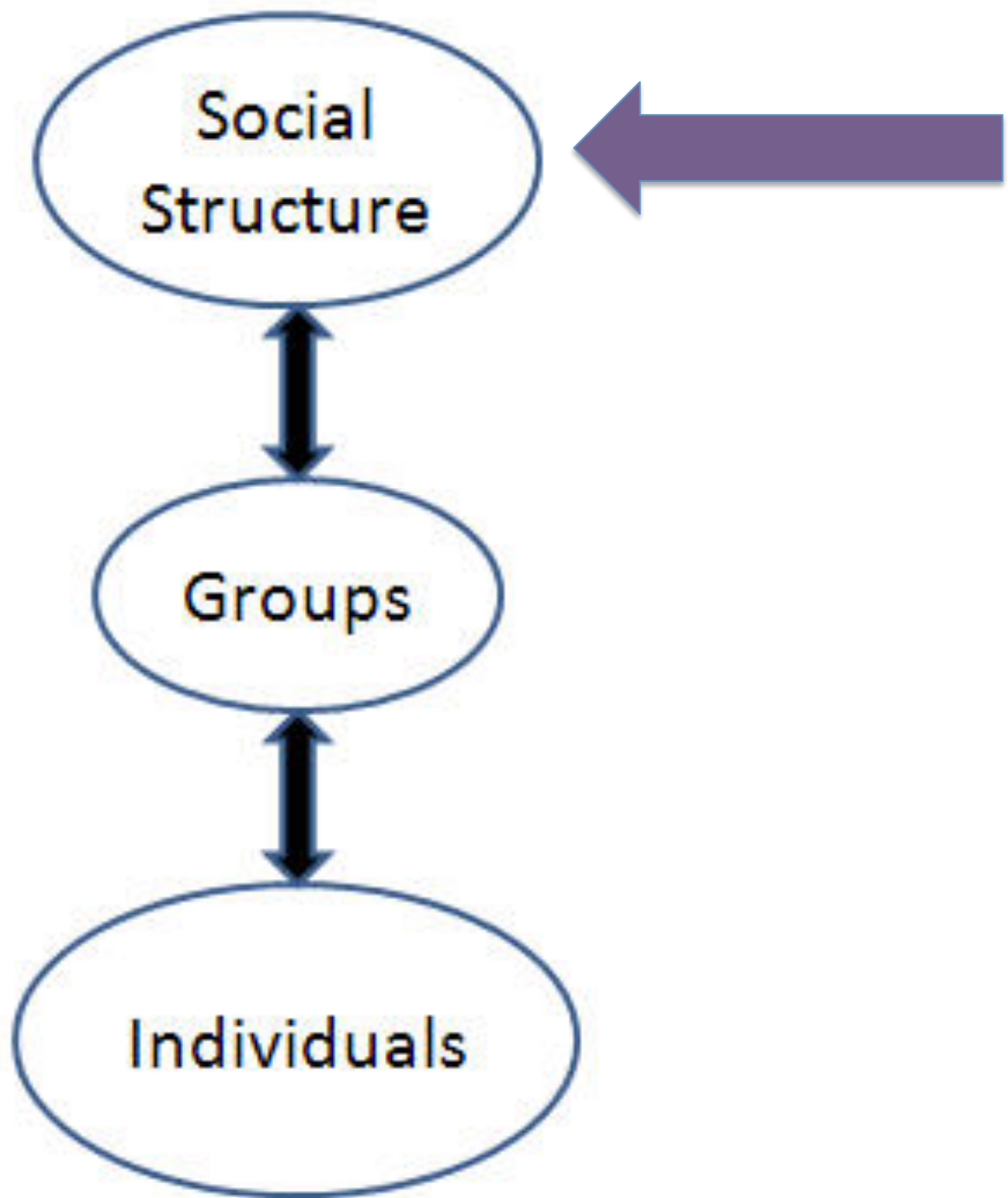
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MERRIT KENNEDY



“Direct action delivers the goods in terms of social change.” ~ Mariame Kaba

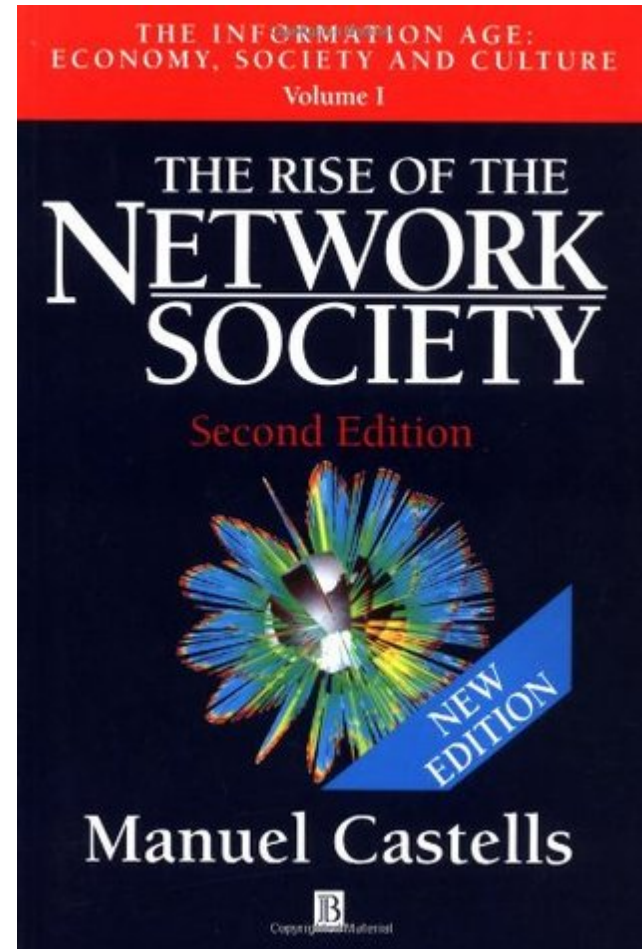




How is Technology Changing Us?



Manuel Castells (b.1942)

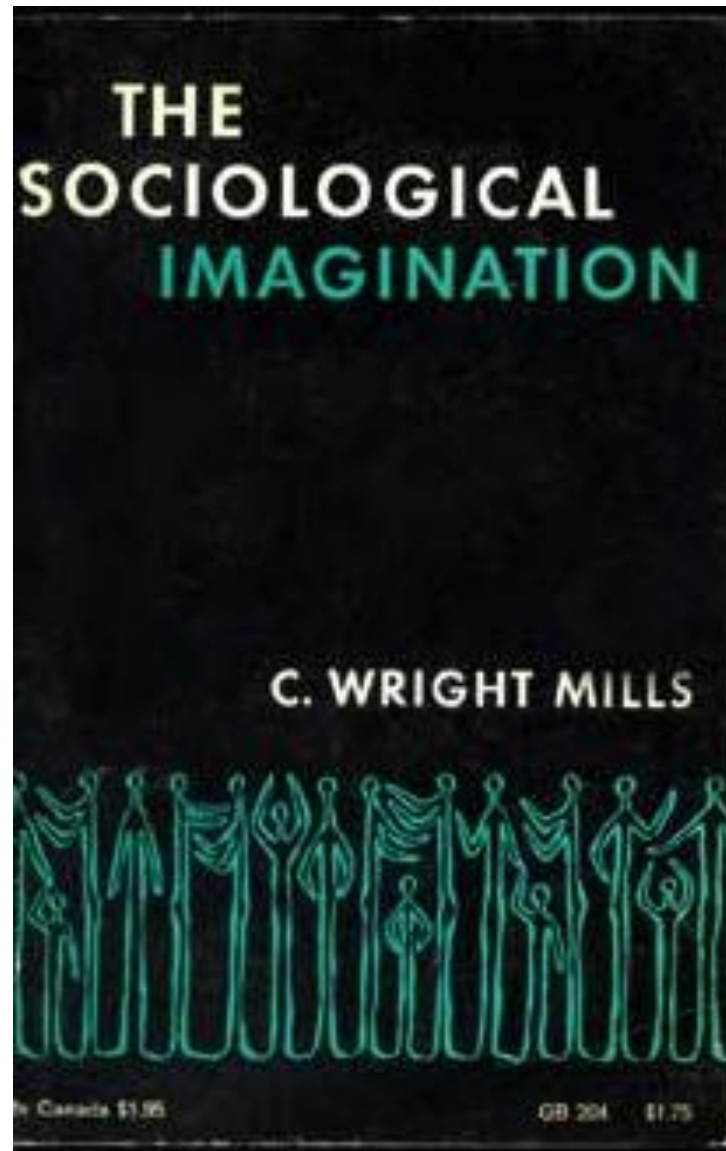


Is This a Paradigm Shift?



How can sociology help us make sense of the world and our place in it?

Key Concept: **Sociological Imagination**





The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relations between the two within society. This is its task and its promise.

— *C. Wright Mills* —

C. Wright Mills (1916-1962)



Interplay of Biography & History



Course objective: ***developing***
your sociological imagination,
being able to understand how your
life is shaped by larger social forces.

Free Write – 2 min

How has history shaped *your* biography?

Free Write – 2 min

How have social forces shaped *your* life?

**What should you do before
next class?**

**DO IT
NOW**

- Review lecture notes
- Review your reading
- Check the hashtag #SOC101



- Login to the course site
- Review the syllabus & modules
- Fix your profile
- Introduce yourself
- Take the Starter Quiz
- Do the assigned reading