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OVER- & UNDER-SOCIALIZED CONCEPTIONS OF HUMAN ACTION

- Ironically, both **over-** and **under-socialized** theories of the effect social relations have on behavior share a blind spot: they share a focus on atomized, or individualized, actors.
- The **over-socialized** views tend to see human behavior as mechanical, people programmed by the institutions that impose norms, values, and roles; individual actors are thus almost like **robots** in their behaviors.
- The **under-socialized** perspective, however, sees humans as so individualized that they are not affected by social relations at all.

CURBING MALFEASANCE

