

WHAT IS SOCIAL THEORY?

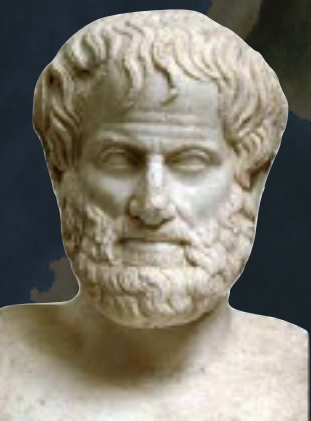
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SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY REFERS
TO LOGICALLY INTERCONNECTED
SETS OF PROPOSITIONS FROM
WHICH EMPIRICAL UNIFORMITIES
CAN BE DERIVED

THE MIDDLE RANGE

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THEORIES THAT LIE BETWEEN

- 1). THE MINOR BUT NECESSARY WORKING HYPOTHESES THAT EVOLVE IN ABUNDANCE DURING DAY-TO-DAY RESEARCH
- 2). THE ALL-INCLUSIVE SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A UNIFIED THEORY THAT WILL EXPLAIN ALL THE OBSERVED UNIFORMITIES OF SOCIAL BEHAVIOR, SOCIAL ORGANIZATION, AND SOCIAL CHANGE.