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Simmel objective criteria superstructure

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Affiliations

- Simmel examines instances where members of multiple groups may experience conflicting or varying loyalties.
- Simmel considers group affiliations determined by objective criteria to be part of a superstructure that forms over groups affiliated by more "natural" criteria like blood kinship.
- In this sense, **Simmel's** analysis is similar to that of Cooley's concept of primary groups and Tönnes's notions of the unities that characterize Gemeinschaft.

