



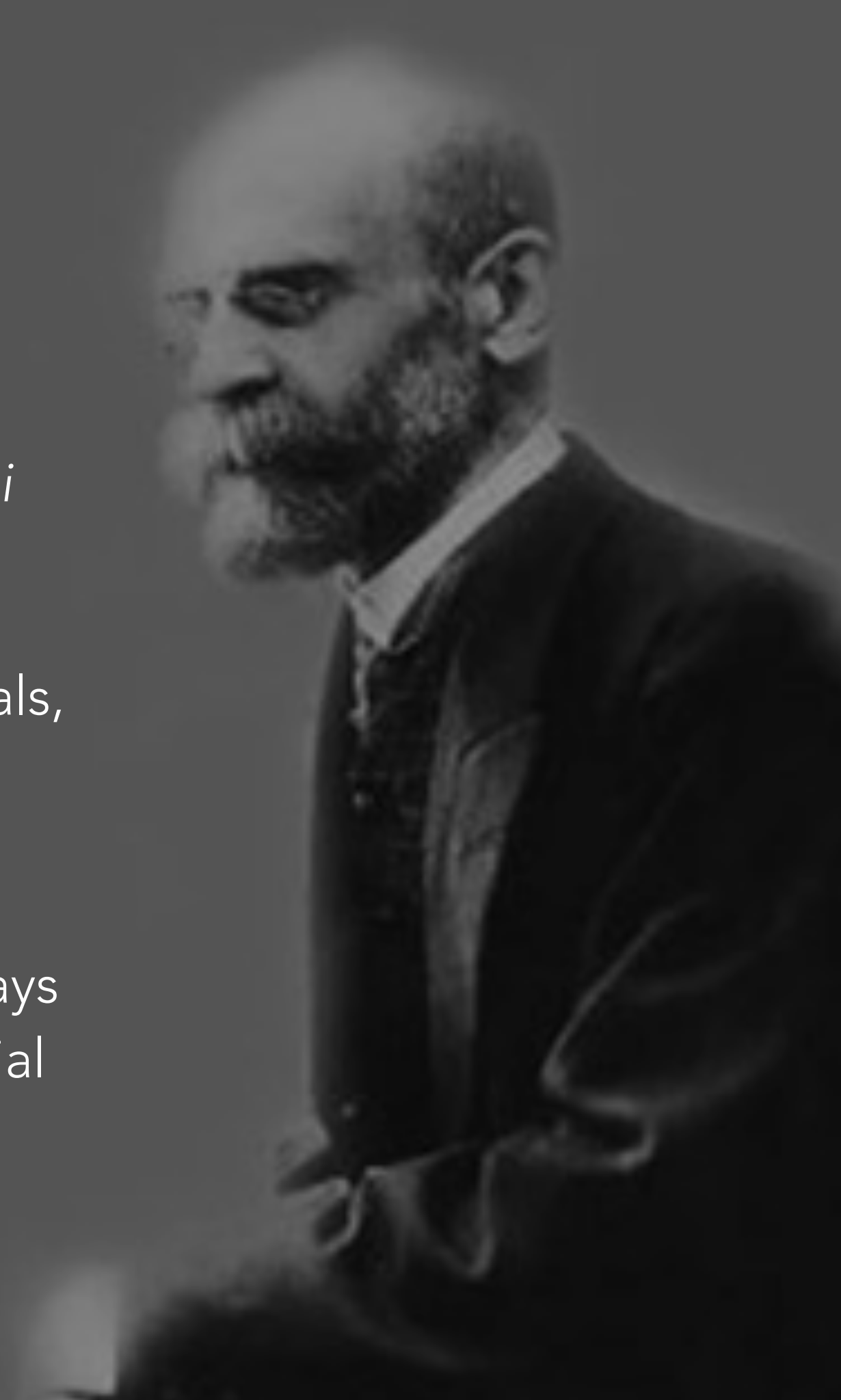


- **Social facts**



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- A fundamental tenet of his understanding of sociology is that society comes before individuals (*sui generis*).
- **Social facts** are external to individuals, exert constraint over them, and are general throughout a society.
- His study of suicide rates and the ways in which too much and too little social integration can affect them were central to this development.



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