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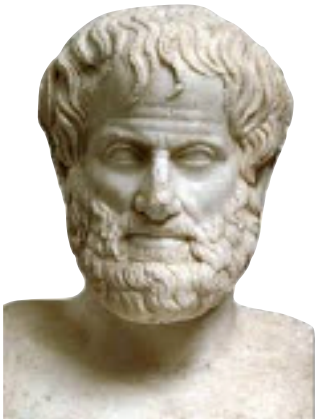
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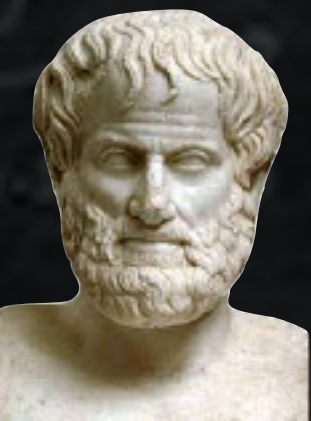
HOW DO SOCIAL THEORIES WORK?

- Theories in **physics** or **biology** can be described with mathematical precision with very sophisticated models.
- Theories in **sociology** don't actually work in the same way, but they are just as useful to us!



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- Social theory is about seeing the **"general in the particular"** and **"the strange in the familiar."**
- On the former, we look for wider patterns in every day occurrences.
- But consider the latter point for a moment, with a unique example on the next slide.



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