

# WHAT IS SOCIAL THEORY?

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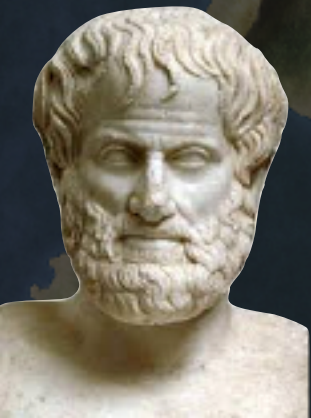


SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY REFERS  
TO LOGICALLY INTERCONNECTED  
SETS OF PROPOSITIONS FROM  
WHICH EMPIRICAL UNIFORMITIES  
CAN BE DERIVED



# 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.