I. Value Added Theory (Smelser)

A. Collective behavior: panics, riots, social movements

B. Evidence: Freud, earlier collective behavior theory, and some protests

C. Assumptions

1. Pluralist theory of power

2. collective behavior is irrational

3. collective behavior is psychological: crude, excessive, impatient

4. no positive social change

D. Theory (structural -functional)

1. structural conduciveness

a. social change in institutions

b. change opening for collective action

2. structural strain

a. exceptions (stability is rule)

b. ambiguities, deprivation, conflict

3. generalized beliefs

a. irrational cognitive responses: paranoid and hysterical

b. only psychologically unstable participate

4. Precipitating factors: events or actions

5. mobilization

6. Temporary breakdown in social control

E. Weaknesses

1. not empirical 2. Social strain