I. Max Weber

A. Dystopia

1. western society becoming totally rationalized

a. institutions

b. culture

c. social interactions

2. Rationalization: social organization and experience based on instrumental rationality

3. Characteristics of instrumental rationality

a. efficiency

b. calculability

c. predictability

d. control

B. Bureaucracy

1. most efficient means to process millions of anything

2. mass society

a. government

b. corporation

c. function: ECPC

3. Characteristics of bureaucracy

a. hierarchical

i. impersonal exercise of authority

ii. authority: rational-legal (vs traditional or charismatic)

b. general rules and regulations

c. offices

i. defined by function

ii. authority with office

iii. limited sphere of competence

d. positions require expertise

e. extensive record keeping

4. bureaucracy and education

C. Dystopia: Irrationality of Rationality (Iron Cage)

1. Obvious

a. red tape

b. self-perpetuating

2. Dehumanization

3. Authoritarian

a. eliminates critical thinking/imagination/uniqueness

b. creates passive subjects

c. Milgram