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## Three Major Perspectives in Sociology

The French anthropologist and biologist Vacher de Lapouge held that race is the most important determinant of culture. The first two estates paid almost no taxes to the government. Sociologists develop theories to explain social occurrences such as protest rallies.

## The Main Sociological Theories

According to this theory there are certain forces, social or natural or both, which bring about social change. Early sociologists were intrigued by the vast differences in social interactions, views, and problems as they recognized it and termed this movement: capitalism and industrialization. Society is structured to benefit a few at the expense of the majority acting as an arena of inequality, generating conflict and thus social change.

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Similarly, competition, rivalry, corruption and dishonesty are the other effects of industrialization. This is due to a perspective that sees society as ever-changing along with the assumption that truth is constantly subject to change. This is why it is such a weak theory.

## Westby, Growth of Sociological Theory: Human Nature, Knowledge and Social Change, The

The German anthropologist Otto Ammon, the Englishman Houston Stewart Chamberlain and American Madison Grant and Lothrop Stoddard also agreed with the view of Lapouge which may be called the theory of biological cycle. Thus, you can see how much burdened and poverty stricken the peasants had become at this time.

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