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Q8(a)

How does Marx view social conflict as an essential element in social change?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle; Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society; Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism; Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables; Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups; Mead - Self and identity.

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Manifesto

History as class struggle; bourgeoisie and proletariat as the modern pair.

Forces and relations

The contradiction that makes conflict historically necessary, not optional.

Working day

Capital I: conflict over time as a concrete class struggle that changes law.

Dahrendorf

Later conflict theory: authority conflict as motor without Marx's end-state.

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