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Max Weber

Social Action Theory

1922

Socio-economic position in society is based around power, status and class. Not simply based on the ownership of capital (wealth) or class.

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Davis and Moore

Functionalism

1945

Education is used to allocate people to jobs/roles that are best suited to their abilities. Known as 'role allocation.'

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Charles Murray

New Right

1990

Too much help from the state through benefits helps to develop an 'under class' who rely on the state and do not want to work. As such, benefits should be cut or removed.

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Sylvia Walby

Feminism

1990

Identifies how gender inequality is structured in the economy, polity, violence and civil society, e.g. women being paid less at work and women doing the majority of the housework and childcare. Patriarchy clearly exists but has changed its form over time.

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