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Modern opportunity, enculturation and social engineering: practical applications or paradigms regarding Durkheim and Marx

Introduction

Anomie addresses the disillusion of a model (society), while Alienation addresses the false sense of self or consciousness interacting in such a critical or scrutinizing model (society).

Possible, assimilation by scrutiny of Durkheim and Marx, is not a new social phenomena nor is it separate from the underlining topic of each theorist. Dissociation, produced by 'Social Facts' (Durkheim) can be associated to the model (society) which creates its own morals, objectives and systems in order to acquire goods, capital and whatever else is determined important.

This Relates to the 'Acquisitive' societies constraint on any individual by the mere nature of its demands weather material wealth, empire building or status seeking. This stimuli itself becomes the leading 'social ' fact or agenda of not only those whom control but participate in the model (society). As effect, the creation of a social norm and or method of assimilation which results in Durkheim's 'Anomie', Marx's 'Alienation' and 'False Consciousness'. These features specifically applies to those whom are not privileged or able to adjust to the constructs of the model (society).

Undoubtedly this state of dissociation does not always present itself with equal distinctiveness. It is sufficient for dissociation to exist unquestionably in the numerous important instances cited, for us to prove that the social fact exists separately from its individual effects. ¹

Did Durkheim and Marx merely build a better mouse trap? As much as I like to think that Schroedinger's cat can be solved by 'Cat' consciousness in regards to the cat assessing the scenario and not entering the box at all. Lets look at such social systems or bodies as constructs, much like the box in Schroedinger's cat. So, resolutions for social ills by way of constructs, such as Imperialism, Industrialism and Total Institutions viewed in the 20th century, may have usurped both theorist best

¹ The Rules of the Sociological Method, (Ed. by Steven Lukes; trans. by W.D. Halls). New York: Free Press, 1982,

efforts, by the mechanism of Perpetual Growth. Or simply does every human constructed system fade away?

Assimilation

"Social order depends on the moral activity of the members of society, but that moral individual activity depends on the integration and socialization into a well ordered society" (A & O, 91).

Capitalism and its root Industrialism is or was not in and of themselves bad models. Though it may be argued that Anti Capitalist agendas and or opportunistic character traits override its principles. This can be individual (archetypes), systemic or political by construct and enforced by the models function. This model or sum is what Durkheim may have been eluding to as the agent or catalyst for change in the human whom becomes disillusioned. Within the strata (Marxian 'Class') of the model, social constructs and laws are erected to enforce the models function. Under such compulsory incubation periods and measures, the human is forced to conform (objectified) and goes through an adjustment period which may also relate to Durkheim's 'Anomie'. Resulting in a state of confusion and or disillusionment or successful solidarity.

If the division of labour does not produce solidarity in all these cases, it is because the relations of the organs are not regulated, because they are in a state of anomy. For the individual this means there are not sufficient moral constraints and individuals do not have a clear concept of what is proper and acceptable. (Ritzer, p. 85).²

As a result of disillusionment the modern formation of the 'Total Institution' is arguably born. This includes socialization and enculturation which as an effect maintains and in some cases preserves the models strata or function. A notion of Alienation is apparent, as addressed by Marx.

This fact expresses merely that the object which labour produces—labour's product—confronts it as something alien, as a power independent of the producer. The product of labour is labour which has been congealed in an object, which has become material: it is the objectification of labour. Labour's realization is its objectification. In the conditions dealt with by political economy this realization of labour appears as loss of reality for the workers; objectification as loss of the object and object-bondage; appropriation as estrangement, as alienation. (KM, "Alienation"-Entausserung.)

The human becomes apart of the model or assimilation. The value or sum of the model lies now in the archetypes of individuals whom erected it and then reflects new social standards which become indicative of that whole society. These constructs over time become archetypes and group archetypes become smaller models. Resembling the logical fallacy of bandwagonism, Constructs of this nature

² Ritzer, George, *Sociological Theory*, third edition, New York, McGraw-Hill, 1992. HM24 R4938.

are subconscious manifestations that become in-group thinking or social norms and no longer can be traced to the sole action of an individual. And as an affect comprises a society.

Application : Addressing The total Institution

Socialization

This unassuming agency of influence and theory or observations of Durkheim and Marx may have helped tool a strata based in-group model, presently in a western modern culture. The majority rule or 'In-group' thought prevailed over the ""disgruntled"" manifestations of those whom did not benefit from the society (marxian - proletariates). And now conformity is at an all time high.

"...In all societies the social regulation of labor is the foundation and basis of the organization of human experience" (A & O, 196).

In a total institution fashion, Durkheim provided accommodations for the society in model and for this, it seems that non-conformist are scrutinized. Resulting in several society based ills and other confining solutions to deal with them in a very coercive manner.

Academy now enforces the distinction as an socialization institution within the model society to preserve norms. In-group thought, life and other enculturation agents. Hence, the term 'Unassuming' agency for opportunistic models that exploit 'others'.

A total institution may be defined as a place of residence and work where a large number of like-situated individuals, cut off from the wider society for an appreciable period of time, together lead an enclosed, formally administered round of life. (p. xiii) (Goffman,61)

With a overt controlling influence, what is now the total institution manages to exert its rule or constructed spirit over participants whom are arbitrarily reduced to numbers on the basis of non-conformity to social standards whether economic, character or behavior based. Marx addressed this issue as the commodification of human labour, goods and services. As commodification is, to treat (something that cannot be owned or that everyone has a right to) like a product that can be bought and sold.

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