

Class

Describes your economic and social position. Economic/Social differences define and identify what *class* you come from. 19th

- **Karl Marx** (19th Century) : Class determined by relationship to means of production.

Purely based on economics

Bourgeois owned factory

Proletariat worked at factory

- Sociologists expanded idea of class, using gender, race, ethnicity, tastes, consumption, mobility, etc.
- Social divisions based on gender race, ability, consumption, etc. thought more relevant than just economics

Agency

- Capacity of an Agent(you) to act. To make your own decisions, choices
- Groups can have a *collective agency*, they can act as a group
- The actions your agency makes possible, will always have a social context, or else they don't really make sense
- So social context restrains your agency
- In sociology a key debate is how much Agency is restrained by Social Structure ie Agency vs Structure

Structure

- Social structure act in patterns and repeated norms reoccurring over and over again create an on going social structure
- Attitudes beliefs etc structure social order

Paradigm

- Shared beliefs explaining how world works; why things happen; who can do what etc. What we often take for common sense or what's natural; reflects a paradigm
- Paradigms Shift when accepted views change
 - a) European colonists believe the Anishnaabe, savages, children of nature etc. Europeans saw selves as more evolved, civilized
 - b) in 1800's doctors believed that women's *hysteria* was caused by their reproductive organs, giving them hysterectomies
 - c) In 1400 miasma (foul air) caused illness. Late 1800s we discover germs etc.; they caused illness. Now we see genetics playing a role in illness. Each change is a paradigm shift

Ideology

- System of cultural beliefs, values, attitudes etc. Shapes how society conducts politics, economics, social relations etc. our economy reflects **Capitalist Ideology**
- Ideology works to justify and maintain current patterns of power, wealth and authority