

SOCIAL DISORGANISATION- MEANING AND CHARACTERISTICS

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Social Disorganisation

- Social Disorganisation is the opposite of social organisation.
- When the orderly processes of social interaction and effective functioning of a group breaks down, there is social disorganisation
- Group relationships are broken.
- Social Disorganisation is disturbance of the balance existing in the function of the parts of groups.

Concept developed by

- The concept of Disorganisation was developed by W.I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki.
- According to Thomas and Znaniecki, “*Social Disorganisation refers to the decrease in the influence of the existing social rules of behaviour upon individual members*”

Definitions

- **Emile Durkheim** defines, “Social disorganisation as a state of disequilibrium and a lack of social solidarity or consensus among the members of a society’
- **Ogburn and Nimkoff** defines, “When the harmonious relationship between the various parts of culture is disturbed, social disorganisation ensues”

Characteristics

Universal process

Dissolution of relationships that binds the society together

Conflict between mores and institutions

Conflict between status and roles

Conflict between individual and society

Characteristics

**Breakdown of group interaction
and of institutional relationships**



Absence of social control



State of conflict



Complex process



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