

Durkheim: Solidarity

Sociology

Mechanical and organic solidarity, and what holds a divided society together.

Mechanical

- Small-scale, low division of labour
- Bonds from likeness and shared belief
- Strong collective conscience
- Repressive law: punish the offender
- Deviance threatens shared values

Organic

- Complex, high division of labour
- Bonds from interdependence, not likeness
- Weaker, thinner collective conscience
- Restitutive law: restore the relation
- Anomie appears when norms lag change

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Modernity does not destroy solidarity; it changes its source from similarity to mutual dependence.

Durkheim treats social facts as external and constraining, studied like things. That premise is what functionalism inherits.