

KARL MARX

- Sociologist
- Born – 1818 Trier
Died – 1883 London
Main Interests – Politics and Economics
Influences – Hobbes, Adam Smith, David Ricardo, James Mill, Engels
Influenced – Lenin, Trotsky, Adorno, Singer.
- Sociology is a social science on the study of the social lives of humans, groups, and societies sometimes defined as the study of social interactions. It is a relatively new academic discipline that evolved in the early 19th century. It concerns itself with the social rules and processes that bind and separate people not only as individuals
- Marx argued that it is [human nature](#) to transform nature, and he calls this process of transformation "labor" and the capacity to transform nature [labor power](#).
- Marx outlined a humanist conception of communism, influenced by the philosophy of Ludwig Feuerbach and based on a contrast between the alienated nature of labor under capitalism and a communist society in which human beings freely developed their nature in cooperative production.
- "the nature of individuals depends on the material conditions determining their production."- Karl, Marx traced the history of the various modes of production and predicted the collapse of the present capitalist economy.
- He revolutionized the roll of class in countries where the lower class had very little of no money or power. He gave the option, of a new and equal way of life.
- The theory of history, nature and politics, and the diagnostics for a revolution to bring about a classless society.
- Sociology is a social sciences on the study of the social lives of humans, groups, and societies Marx is important because he set up a whole new society which predicted the another fall of society into a regime in which class was less of a barrier "Marxism". He also challenged the previous social groups of the time such as liberals and capitalists. In today's society we do view Marx as a visionary who ideas were expanded upon in controversial ways to produce some of the worlds worst communist regimes.
- Until quite recently almost half the population of the world lived under regimes that claim to be Marxist. This very success, however, has meant that the original ideas of Marx have often been modified and his meanings adapted to a great variety of political circumstances.

In contrast to Marx's beliefs:-

- Max Weber argued that religion was one of the primary reasons for the different ways the cultures of the [Occident](#) and the [Orient](#) have developed.
- Although Marx's believe the modern cultures will develop differently. he believes its is due to class differences, which is the main which is the main by product of capitalism.