

# Differences between...



Consensus theories suggest that society is in agreement over society's norms and values and that society is generally harmonious

Functionalism is the best known consensus theory. It suggests social institutions work together like the organs in the human body to enable society to function



Consensus theories suggest that the role of social institutions is to socialise individuals into a value consensus to enable society to function correctly



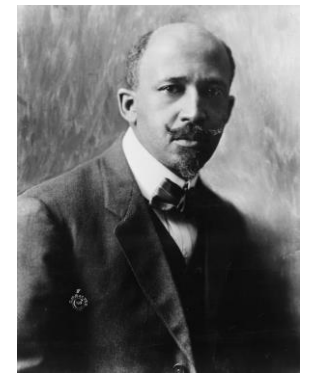
Conflict theories suggest that society is divided into two or more opposing factions, with a dominant group and a subject group

Marxism is another conflict theory. It suggests that the Bourgeoisie have control over the Proletariat and exploit them



Feminism is one example of a conflict theory – it suggests that society serves the needs of males (patriarchy) and oppresses women

Race conflict theories suggest that the dominance of white people leads to exploitation of non-whites in society.



## consensus and conflict theories