



## Sociocentrism: In Sociological Perspective

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### Abstract:

This article is about SOCIOCENTRISM, it explains, how the individual goal is achieved when they are placed in the group. Achieving their group goal ultimately once an individual goal is achieved. It analyzes how individual goals impact society and its change. This process will ultimately lead to social progress.

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### SOCIOCENTRISM:

The term 'SOCIOCENTRISM', and "SOCIO" means "society" and "CENTRISM" means "to being at the center". Sociocentrism occurs when a person put the needs and concerns of a social group ahead of his or her own needs and concerns. Every individual in society has their own goals, and to achieve those goals, they play a crucial role in society. They involve themselves in the groups and even they have a group goal to achieve it. So, the individuals will work together or so-called they cooperate to attain the group goal which ultimately leads to the achievement of the individual goal.

Coordination and Cooperation are the two essential elements present in the group goal. In the society, there are various groups are present in it. Each group has different or the same ideologies to attain their own goals. In that way, group conflicts take place when there is competition among the groups themselves in the society that is not likely to be good in the society. E.g. children have dreams like they have to become lawyers, teachers, doctors, engineers, etc.... for that, they are sent to educational institutions but when they are pursuing education at a higher level in that way an individual is put into the group of that particular field, so the student's goal is to get the final degree. Every student in the class will work together this will happen only when there is a social interaction. Interactions play a very important role within the group itself, because without interactions then coordination and cooperation will not be achieved in the group

ultimately it affects the achievement of the group goals. Each form of institution plays a unique role in the individual life.

Ex; Family and Education help the students to develop their potential for the attainment of an individual life. Teachers guide their students and make them intellectuals whereas father and mother will give necessary resources and will give them what they want. Each individual, while attaining their individual goal is like contributing some services to the society. Ex: lawyers will fight for justice, doctors provide a medical service, and teachers make a student a future intellectual. So, each Profession will contribute something to society and this will lead to social progress. Therefore, the final result of the attainment of each life goal is to lead societal development. This process of development is known as a socio-centrism. In that context how do organic solidarity and mechanical solidarity play an important role in the concept of social centrism? The main objective of this social solidarity is to bring social changes and growth within the society. And, how various social movements are classified based on social solidarity that leads to the socio centrism?

Sometimes in society, the achievement of group goals will make the greatest impact in the society. Socio-centrism can also be understood as the achievement of collective people. In every community, there is a need, and for that, they raise their voice to fulfill their needs this can be called mechanical solidarity because there is a collective purpose is there to achieve in it. A social movement is a mass movement and a concerted effort by people to promote change or to fight change. By changing the direction of history people seek to become constructive players. They initiate or become part of collective action to achieve their goal of making a difference in the world they live in. Individuals behave in a collective enterprise knowingly with a sense of responsibility. Social movements have a large degree of internal order and purposive orientation. A social movement can be more or less characterized by a large group of people as a



continuous and concerted attempt to bring change about or to oppose it.

Ex: Dalit Movement is a type of social movement - Dalit movement is an organized collective action of groups or lower caste people against the upper caste people and their thought process on Brahmanical thoughts to maintain an area of empowerment and equality in the Indian society.

The Dalit movement was a social movement aiming at replacing the age-old hierarchical Indian culture with democratic values of liberty, equal treatment, social justice, etc. started very early, grew serious in the year 1970, and is now gaining traction. The foundations of the Dalit movement are the product of centuries of anger in their hearts caused by the brutal deeds of India's higher castes. The division of labor further led to the division of laborers that worked, which was based on inequality and exploitation. The result of the Dalit movement leads various social changes. Changes like this movement evolved to emphasize the assertion of rights, demanding equality, justice, and representation in various spheres of society. The Dalit movement has increasingly emphasized reclaiming and asserting Dalit identity and dignity, challenging caste-based discrimination and oppression.

The Dalit movement has advocated for legal and policy reforms to address caste-based discrimination and violence. This includes the implementation of affirmative action measures, such as reservations in education and employment, as well as the enactment of laws to prevent atrocities against Dalits. The motive behind this social movement is to bring empowerment to the Dalit community as a whole. This movement can be understood in mechanical solidarity because, their sole aim is to empower the Dalit community and this led to massive social change and social development within society through this impact of the Dalit movement each individual can attain self-desire in various fields in a social, economic, and political context. On the other hand, how organic solidarity in social movements leads to achieving social solidarity, i.e.,

The women's movement is considered the best example of organic solidarity. 'The feminist movement (also known as the women's liberation movement, the women's movement, or simply feminism) refers to a series of political campaigns for reforms on issues such as reproductive rights, domestic violence, maternity leave, equal pay, women's suffrage, sexual harassment, and sexual violence, all of which fall under the label of feminism and the feminist movement.' The women's

movement has brought about significant changes across various domains, including social, political, economic, and cultural spheres. The women's movement has led to the enactment of laws and policies aimed at addressing gender discrimination, and violence against women, and promoting women's rights. These include laws on sexual harassment, domestic violence, equal pay, reproductive rights, and gender equality in various aspects of life. There has been an increase in women's political representation and participation, with more women holding positions of power and decision-making roles in governments, legislatures, and other institutions.

The women's movement has contributed to increasing women's workforce participation, economic independence, and access to employment opportunities. This includes advocacy for equal pay, maternity rights, childcare support, entrepreneurship programs, and initiatives to address gender gaps in various sectors of the economy. These are the huge changes that are happening in the society. Through this movement, it is understood that women are struggling for development in various fields. In that way, this feminist movement's impact was influenced in wider aspects like in terms of education career, political field, etc... Slowly women are recognized by society in various fields. That's why it is called organic solidarity because women are discriminated against in different fields so to empower them in their field this feminist movement with different objectives will lead to the development of women in various institutions within the society. In that way, it is an achievement of organic solidarity in the social movement that leads to a socio centrism.

The question arises of how the socio centrism is been achieved differently in social solidarity through the processes of social movement. Analyzing the given above two examples both organic solidarity and mechanical solidarity, the factors like coordination, cooperation, responsibility, group goals, etc. remain the same but their objective and impact on society are different. It is to be understood as how the outcomes of the social movement are been achieved in an individual's life. Social solidarity emphasizes the interdependence between individuals in a society, which allows individuals to feel that they can enhance the lives of others. It is a core principle of collective action and is founded on shared values and beliefs among different groups in society. It can be said that collective behavior is a foundation for the sociocentrism.



According to, to the U.S. sociologist Robert E Park, who coined the term collective behaviour, defined it as “the behaviour of individuals under the influence of an impulse that is common and collective, an impulse, in other words, that is the result of social interaction.” He emphasized that participants in crowds, fads, or other forms of collective behaviour share or behave alike, not because of an established rule or the force of authority, and not because as individuals they have the same attitudes, but because of a distinctive group process. Sociocentrism plays an important role and it leads to progress and development in not only individual life but also society as a whole.

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