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SOCIAL THEORY DEBATES: THE CLASSICS

Group 1. Karl Marx and Campaign

Group 2. Emile Durkheim and Campaign

Group 3. Max Weber and Campaign

1. Preparations (40 minutes)

- Each group will elect a candidate to give the opening statements (5 minutes)
- Each group will have designated campaign managers specialized in special issues, and ready to come to the podium and answer questions (use the “we”)

Candidate (speak in the “I”):

Social Problems Manager:

Social inequality Manager:

Religion and Religious Diversity Manager:

Immigration Manager:

Social Change Manager:

Media Manager (optional: for Q&A):

- Discuss the overall perspective using the textbook only. For some issues, make assumptions in line with the ideas of the theorist: for example, Weber does not speak about immigration (nor do Marx and Durkheim), but knowing what we know about him, what might he say?
- For each issue, expect to explain the “problems” + to tell your constituents what your solutions are
- Work together as one group and take notes as needed. You can use the note cards during your presentations.

2. The Debate (45 minutes)

- Candidates will give 3-minute-long opening statements
- The moderator (professor) will then ask questions, and each campaign manager answers in 2-3 minutes (5 total questions)
- 3-minute rebuttals per campaign: candidates can respond to other campaigns (3 minutes per candidate)
- Public Q&A (5 minutes)