

Glossary

Bureaucracy--impersonal, social hierarchies that practice a division of labor and are marked by a regularity of method and procedure

Disenchantment of the world--the loss of sacred and metaphysical understandings of all facets of life and culture

Rationalization--the world can be understood and managed through a reasonable and logical system of objectively accessible theories and data

Secularization-- the loss of religious influence and/or religious belief at a societal level

Decontextualization-- the removal of social practices, beliefs, and cultural objects from their local cultures of origin

Individualism-- growing stress on individuals as opposed to mediating structures such as family, clan, academy, village, church