



(Salami, 2017)

SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM

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INTRODUCTION



‘Constructionism or the social construction of reality is a theory of knowledge of sociology and communication that examines the development jointly constructed understanding of the world. Social constructionism may be defined as a perspective which believes that a great deal of human life exists as it does due to social and interpersonal influences’

(Galbin, 2014)

DEFINITION OF SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM

In 1966 Peter Bergue and Thomas Luchmann established and published a new theory "The Social constructionist Theory"

Social Constructionist Theory

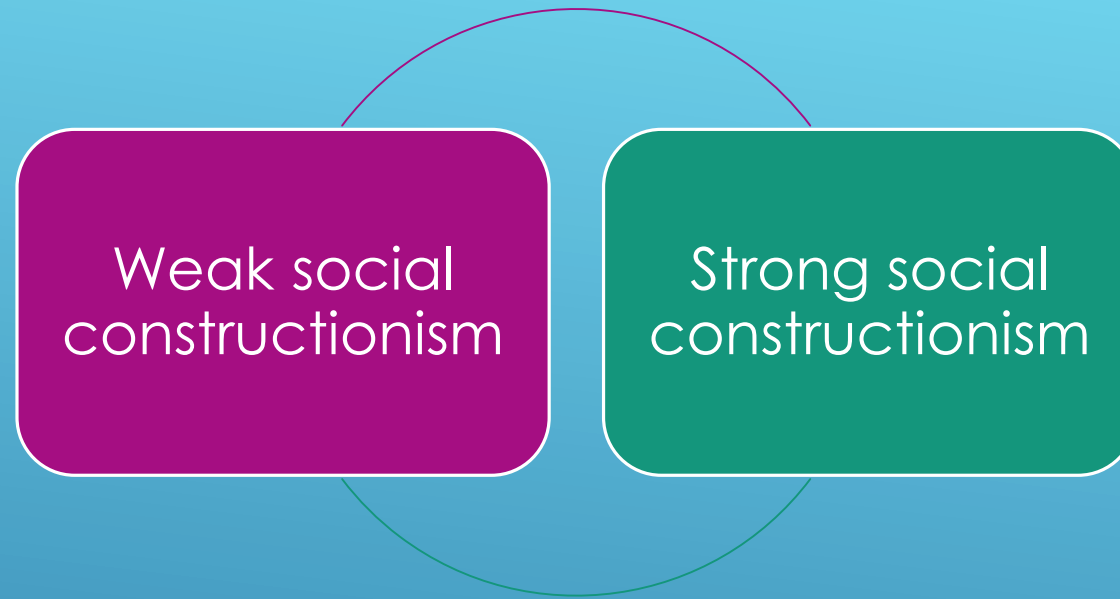
Social Constructs

Social Reality

Artefacts

WHAT IS SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM

(Bergue and Luchmann, 1966)



SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM CAN BE
DEFINED IN TWO CATAGOURIES

(Burr, 2015)



► 'Our observations of the world suggest to us that there are two categories of human being, men and women. Social constructionism bids us to seriously question whether the categories 'man' and 'women' are simply a reflection of naturally occurring distinct types of human'

(Burr, 2003, p.3.)

Changes in society

Different types of Gender

Functionalism of Gender

SOCIAL CONFLICT OF GENDER

Equality Act
2010

What does it do
to support
Social Construct
of Gender

LEGISLATION FOR GENDER
INEQUALITIES

(Equality Act, 2010)



CONCLUSION

- ▶ Social Constructs
- ▶ Everyday Interactions
- ▶ Social Practise

(Andrews, 2012)

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