

INTRODUCTION



FUNCTIONALISM IS A THEORY ABOUT NATURE OF MENTAL STATES.
ACCORDING TO FUNCTIONALISTS, MENTAL STATES ARE IDENTIFIED
BY WHAT THEY DO RATHER THAN BY WHAT THEY ARE MADE OF.
FUNCTIONAL IS THE MOST FAMILIAR OR “RECEIVED” VIEW AMONG
PHILOSOPHERS OF MIND AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE.

THE THEORY IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT ALL ASPECTS OF A
SOCIETY – INSTITUTIONS, ROLES, NORMS SERVE A PURPOSE AND THAT
ALL INDISPENSABLE FOR THE LONG-TERM SURVIVAL
AND THE SOCIETY.

EMILE DURKHEIM ARGUED A SOCIETY GREW MORE COMPLEX, SOCIAL
ORDER MADE THE TRANSITION FROM MECHANICAL SOLIDARITY TO
ORGANIC SOLIDARITY. (EMILE DURKHEIM 1893)

WHAT IS STRUCTUAL FUNCTIONALISM

- IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY, FUNCTIONALIST THEORIES OF ALMOST EVERYTHING PROLIFERATED. THE GENERAL IDEA BEHIND FUNCTIONALISM IS THE PARTS OF ANY GREATER WHOLE ARE SHAPED BY THE FUNCTIONS THEY SERVE TO SUPPORT THE WHOLE, IN OTHER WORDS, STRUCTURES SERVES A FUNCTION.
- THE THEORY OF FUNCTIONALISM IN SOCIOLOGY IS A ROLE BASED THEORY OF HOW INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY BY BEING OF SERVICE AND PLAYING A USEFUL FUNCTION.
- (TALBOT PARSONS 1937)
- PREINDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES, WERE HELD TOGETHER BY
- MECHANICAL SOLIDARITY, A TYPE OF SOCIAL ORDER MAINTAINED
- BY THE COLLECTED CONSCIOUSNESS OF CULTURE.
- (EMILE DURKHEIM 1893)



MENTAL ILLNESS AND STABILITY

- THE FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE EMPHASIZES THAT GOOD HEALTH AND
- EFFECTIVE MEDICAL CARE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR A SOCIETY'S ABILITY TO FUNCTION.
- ILL HEALTH IMPAIRS OUR ABILITY TO PERFORM OUR ROLES IN SOCIETY, AND IF
- TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE UNHEALTHY, SOCIETY'S FUNCTIONING
- AND STABILITY SUFFER.
- FUNCTIONALISTS VIEW SOCIETY AS A SYSTEM WHO PARTS WORK TOGETHER
- TO PROMOTE SOLIDARITY AND STABILITY.
- IT'S A MACRO-LEVEL THEORY THAT SEES SOCIETY AS AN INTER-CONNECTED SYSTEM WITH EACH PART HAVING A DIFFERENT FUNCTION WHILE STILL WORKING TOGETHER.
- (PATRICE DE LA OSSA 2003 2023 STUDY.COM)





THE STRUCTURAL FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE: MENTAL ILLNESS

- THIS CAN BE SIMPLY DEFINED AS GIVING A REASON AS TO WHY SOCIETY OPERATES AND FUNCTIONS THE WAY IT DOES, IN CONSIDERATION WITH THE INSTITUTIONS THAT HELP HELPS KEEP SOCIETY FUNCTIONING IN A PARTICULAR MANNER.
- MENTAL ILLNESS AND TREATMENT HAS BEEN A SOCIAL PROBLEM FOR QUITE SOME TIME, IT HAS BEEN ON TOP OF THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF MENTAL CARE.
- EVEN MORE SO THAT THESE PATIENTS THAT IS SUFFERING WITH THESE CONDITIONS IS HIGHLY INCAPABLE IN TAKING CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THE FUNCTIONAL THING TO DO IS CREATE MORE CARE, TO STABLIAZE SOCIETY.
- (TURNER, JONATHAN AND JAN STETS (2005).
- THE SOCIOLOGY OF EMOTIONS. CAMBRIDGE.)

MENTALLY ILL ??



DURING EARLY TIMES WHAT WAS REGARDED
AS BEING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

PREGNANCY IN EARLY AGE NO HUSBAND, ERATICAL CHILD WHO SEEMS TO BE CRAZY BUT
IS JUST BEING A CHILD OR MAYBE SOMEBODY JUST LOOKS A BIT DIFFERENT.

PEOPLE ARE STIGMATISED BY WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE OR WHAT THEY DO NOT THE SAME
AS OTHERS.

SOMEBODY OUT OF THE NORN OR DO THINGS AS NOT COMFORMING TO THE NORM,
THIS IS STRUCTUAL FUNCTUALISM.

IF SOCIETY IS NOT RUN PROPERLY THEN THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS BEING IN THE WAY
AND STABILITY AND SOLIDARITY IS DISTRUPED.

FUNCTIONALISM, IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEORY BASED THAT ALL ASPECTS OF A SOCIETY
SERV A PURPOSE AND THAT ALL ARE INDESPENSABLE FOR THE LONG-TERM SURVIVAL
OF SOCEITY.

STABILITY IN STRUCTUAL FUNCTIONALISM.



- THE GOVERNMENT COULD INITIATE WORKERS AND CREATE MORE TREATMENT IN HOSPITALS WITH SPECIALISTS FOR PEOPLE TO GET MAXIMUM HEALTH CARE.
- INSTEAD DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION HAS BEEN LOWERING THE POSSIBILITY FOR MAXIMUM HEALTH CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS..
- MENTAL ILLNESS IS A CONDITION THAT NEEDS TO BE TREATED AND CAREFULLY WATCHED.
- IN THE INSTANCE OF SOMETHING HAPPENING TO ONE OF THE PATIENTS, THE FIRST ACTION WOULD BE TO GET A SPECIALIST FROM THE HOSPITAL.
- REMOVING THESE PATIENTS FROM HOSPITAL IS ALSO PROLONGING THE PROBLEM, WHEREAS THEY CAN BE IN HOSPITAL TO GIVE SPECIALIST TIME STUDY THEM AND TO APPLY THEORIES THEY LEARNT WHILE OBTAINING
- THEIR EDUCATION LEVEL.
- THERE FORE DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR STABILITY IN SOCIETY.
- (DIVISION OF LABOR (2022))

CONCLUSION



STRUCTURAL FUNCTIONALISM CAN BE MAINTAINED,
STABILITY IN SOCIETY CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHIN THE MENTAL HEALTH
IN ALL (MACRO) (TURNER JONATHAN 1995)

MANY WHO HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS BECAUSE OF CUTBACKS, LACK
OF SO CALLED MONEY TO KEEP THEM OPEN,

HOMES ARE NEEDED WHERE HELP IS NOT TOO FAR AWAY, MORE RESOURCES, JOBS
TO THOSE WHO CAN WORK TO SHOW THEY ARE OF HELP AND ALWAYS WANTED
AND THE PEOPLE WHO CAN'T, ENSURE THEY'RE NOT MOCKED AND RIDICULED BY
SOCIETY.

SOLIDARITY, STABILITY WILL CARRY ON AND FUNCTION IN THE NORMAL WAY
WHEN CONDITIONS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED ARE FIXED, AND EVERYTHING
AND EVERYBODY'S WORKING TOGETHER.

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