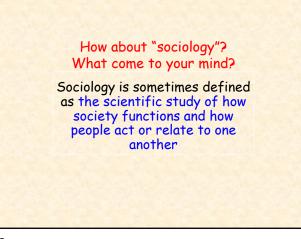
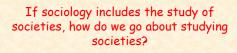


Some people refer to it as the "ecosystem" or the living and nonliving components of an area.

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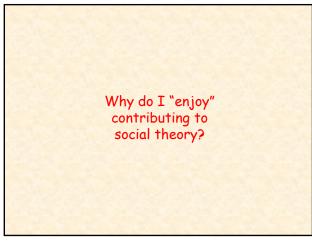
Does "science" play a part?

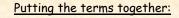
Sociology is a Social Science.

What do we mean by "science?" What are its two major components?

Science is the testing of <u>theories</u> (what we believe to be true or real) through the use of "sound" <u>research methods</u>.

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What is Environmental Sociology?

Stuart defines it as:

"the study of how social systems interact with ecosystems."

Ecosystem has been defined as: a geographic area where plants, animals, and other organisms, as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a bubble of life

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Why study the environment from a sociological perspective?

- Review how people (and organizations) have interacted with their environments in the past,
- Identify how they may have and are causing environmental changes
- Consider what might be done to improve the environment and prevent its continued degradation

What is "<u>public sociology</u>" (also referred as "applied sociology" in the past)?

Sociological research with the purpose of addressing public issues such as climate change.

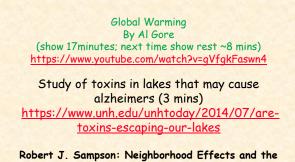
Research findings that can be applied to solve social problems.

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Robert J. Sampson: Neighborhood Effects and the City_(start at 8:00 mins) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnKLIvyF0zc</u>

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