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### Theories of Social Change Sociology YouTube Lecture Handouts

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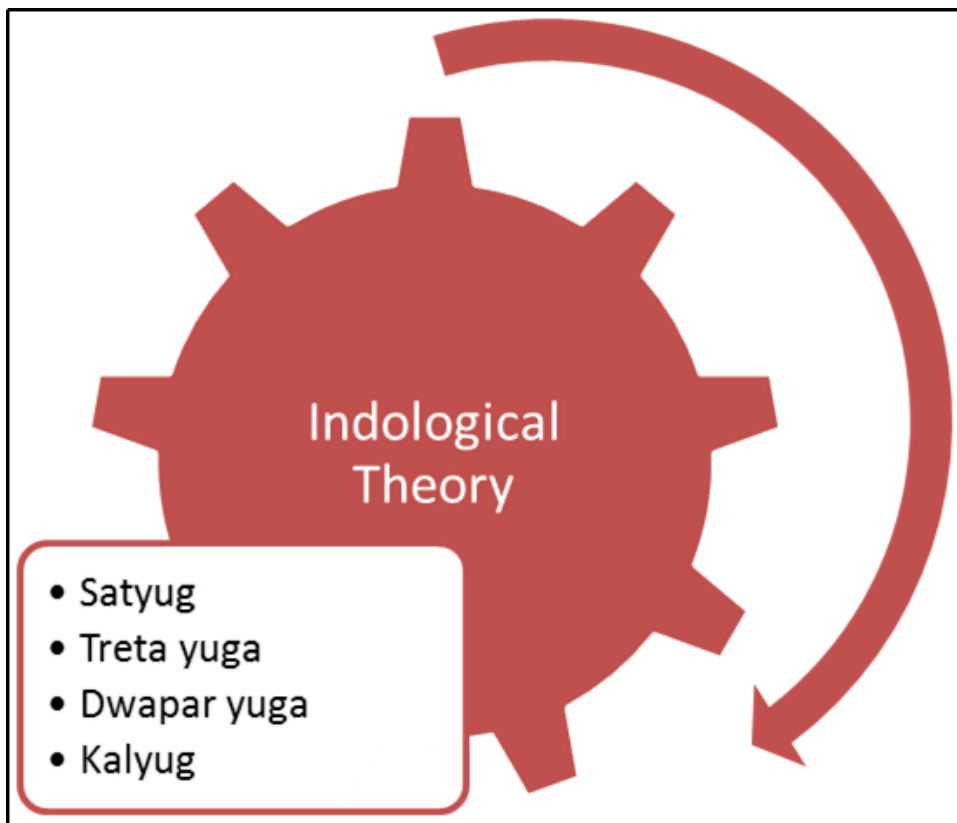
#### **Theories of Social Change Cyclical, Indological, Pendulum Theory**

##### Cyclic Theory of Social Change

- Society changes from one stage to another
- But comes back to previous position
- “History repeats itself”

##### Indological Theory

Based on Indian mythology



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### Challenge Response Theory

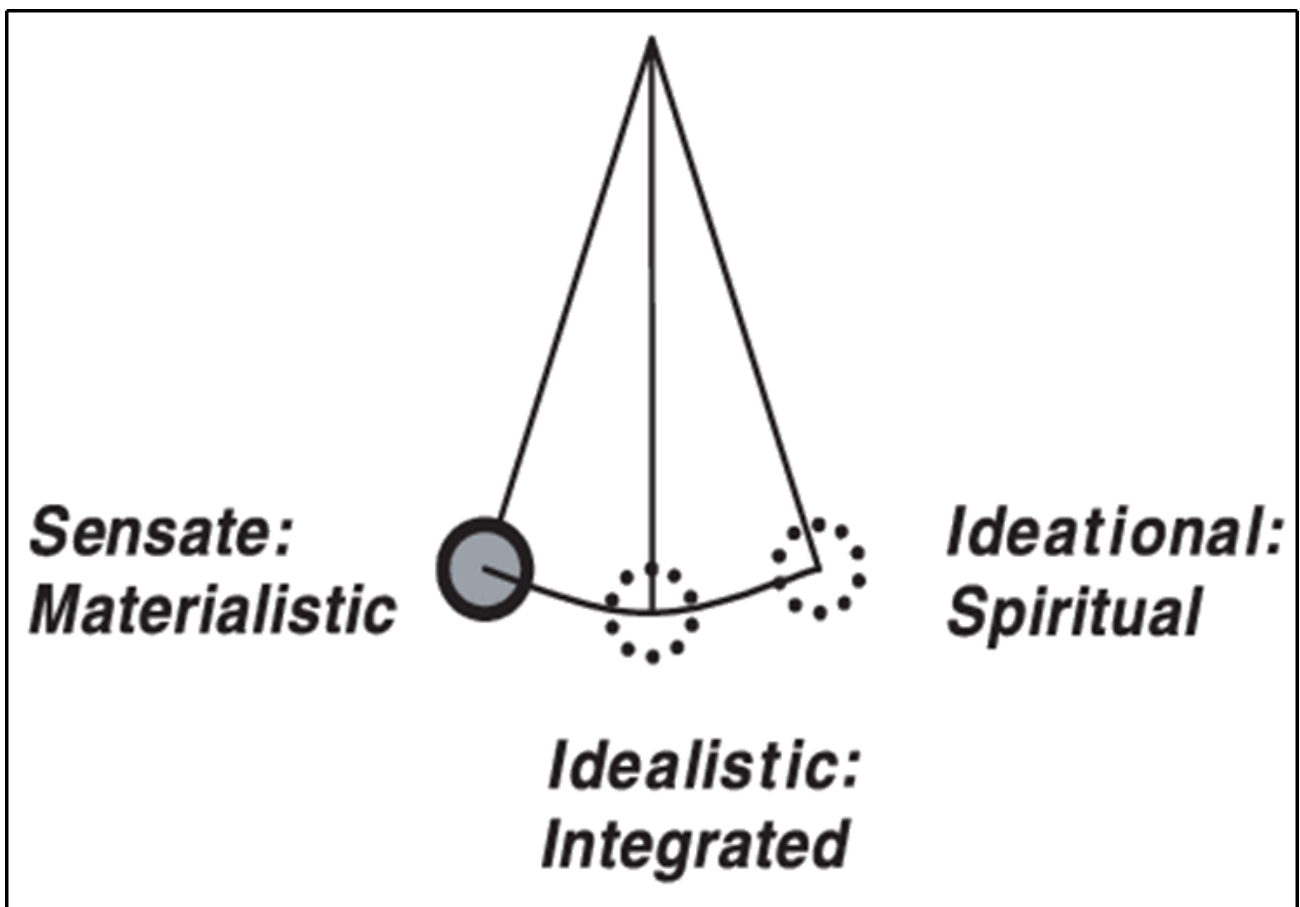
- Arnold Toyanbee
- Book – The History of Man
- Three stages of social change:
  - In 1<sup>st</sup> stage, Creative minorities respond to challenges efficiently
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, they lose the zeal – leads to ups and downs

- 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, society is finished – birth of new society
- Society goes through three stages – Birth, maturity and death
- This cycle repeats

### Pendulum Theory of Social Change

- Pitrim Sorokin
- Book – The Cultural Dynamics
- Also called – Saturation theory of social change
- Movement of society towards two extremes
- Studied history of Roman society
- Cultural theory of social change
- Three types of culture:
  - Ideational: Dominated by spiritual world
  - Sensate: Dominated by materialism and pleasure
  - Idealistic: Midpoint between the other two

### Pendulum Theory



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MCQs

Q. Who among the following has considered that history fluctuates between two kinds of culture-  
sensate and ideational during the phase of social change?

- (a) Comte
- (b) Spencer
- (c) Hobhouse
- (d) Sorokin

Answer: d

Q. Culture, according to Sorokin is \_\_\_\_\_

- a. A certain way of thinking held by members of the society at a particular time
- b. Set of attitudes
- c. Actions reflected by attitudes in daily life
- d. All of the above

Answer: d

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