

# Structural Functionalism

- 1) Needs - Social, Cultural Structure
- 2) +ve fn only
- 3) Indispensable

R. K. Merton

Manifest & Latent Functions

Functions are those observed consequences which make for adaptation or adjustment of a given system.

nabob

{ merit  
failed

1757 ✓ Manifest gms -

1764 are those intended & anticipated

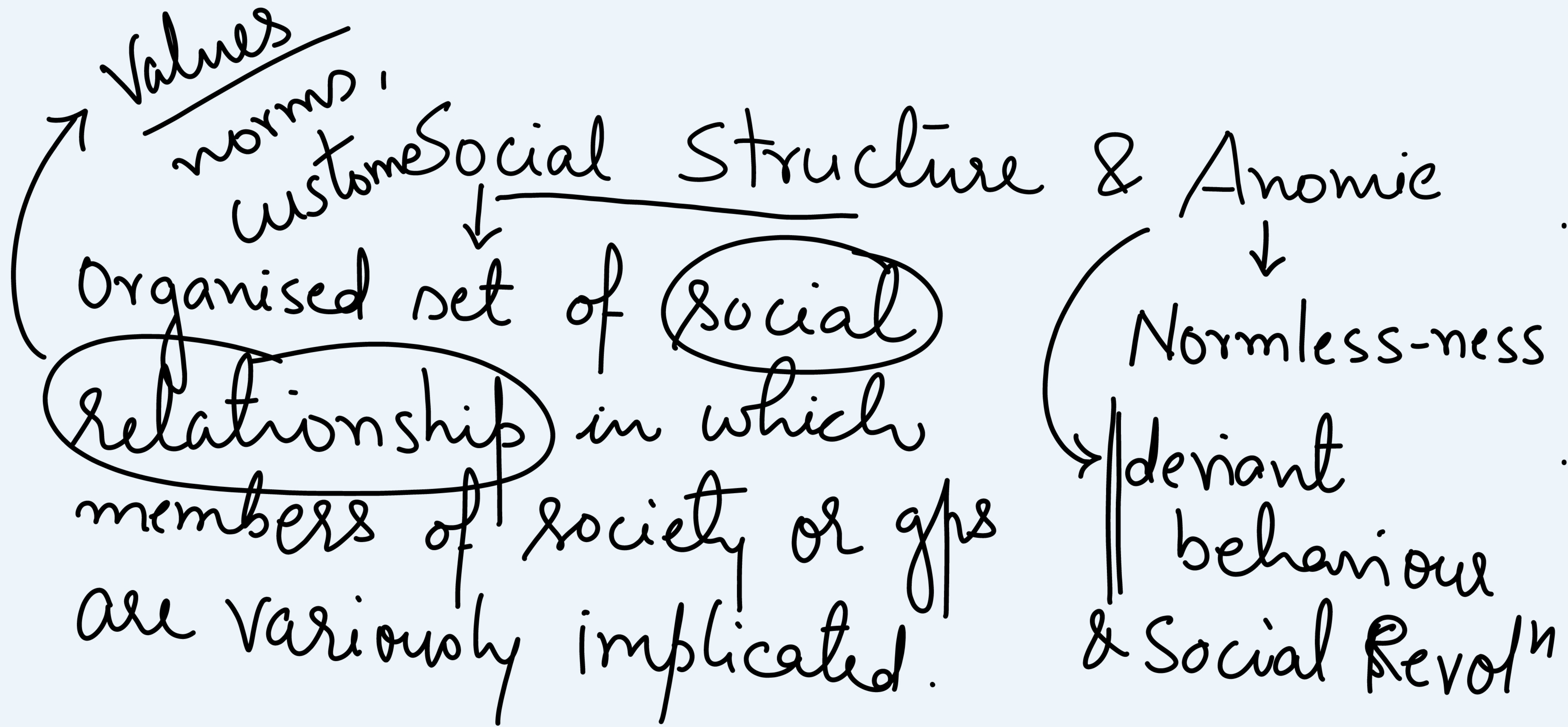
1780 ✓ latent gms :-

slave  
trade

are those which are <sup>un</sup>intended &  
unanticipated

Q:- Analyse manifest & latent fns  
of 'security of tenure of bureaucrats'  
in the light of Merton's theory.  
2016, I, 20M

Q:- what, according to Merton, is the difference between 'unanticipated consequences' & 'latent fns'? Give examples to elaborate. 2019, I, 10M.



Anomie - Cultural goals  
institutionalised means

R. K. Merton assumes  
equilibrium.