

# THE USES AND ABUSES OF SOCIAL THEORY

*A presentation by Sociologist & Social Theorist:*

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**SOCIAL THEORY OF THE 20TH CENTURY HAS EVOLVED AROUND FOUR MAJOR THEMES:**

- I. THE DIVISION OF SOCIETY IN SOCIAL CLASSES;**
- II. THE ORGANIZATION OF SOCIETY ACCORDING TO POWER;**
- III. THE LINK BETWEEN A SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND SOCIAL ACTIONS;**
- IV. THE NATURE OF SOCIAL ACTION.**

**EACH OF THESE SUBJECTS HAS PROVOKED DEBATES AND FIRM THEORETICAL POSITIONING.**

**ALL THESE DEBATES ARE IMPORTANT. BUT ALL OF THEM COULD BE OBSOLETE.**

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