Headlines...

- Congress Passes $51.8B Katrina Relief Bill (AP)
  New Orleans Begins Confiscating Firearms as Water Recedes (NYT)
- FBI: Katrina donors beware: many of the Internet sites purporting to be charities appear to be fraudulent (CNN)
- Schwarzenegger Vows To Veto Same-Sex Marriage Bill (LA Times)
- Mubarak Wins Egypt Election (WP)

Previously In Class...

- Durkheim: Father of Sociology, Comparative Methods, Anomie, Three types of suicide

- Social Structure:
  - Society: Geographic, Cultural, and Political elements
  - Formation of Society: Top-down, Bottom-up
  - Hierarchy of Social Structure:
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  - Status/Role, Ascribed Status, Achieved Status

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Origin of Sociology

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Historical Background

Birth of Sociology

- Relatively young. Less than 200 years old

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Economic Change

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  - No social intervention. The fittest members didn't need any help.
  - Conservative Ideas

Comte & Spencer versus Durkheim

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Social philosophers. Develop Ideas, not conduct scientific studies.
Founders of Sociology

Durkheim

First sociologists who did scientific empirical studies.
Father of Sociology

American Sociology

- 1st sociology class: Yale 1876 William Graham
- 1st sociology department: 1892 University of Chicago
- 2005: 100th anniversary of ASA (American Sociological Association)

Development of Sociological Theory

- Structural Functionalism
- Conflict Theories
- Symbolic Interactionism

Epilogue

Go Longhorns!