Congress Passes $51.8B Katrina Relief Bill (AP)
New Orleans Begins Confiscating Firearms as Water Recedes (NYT)
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Mubarak Wins Egypt Election (WP)
Previously In Class...

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

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  - Formation of Society: Top-down, Bottom-up
  - Hierarchy of Social Structure:
    - Culture > Institutions > Organizations > Groups > Status/Role
  - Status/Role, Ascribed Status, Achieved Status
Birth of Sociology

- Relatively young. Less than 200 years old

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- Philosophy of Enlightenment
Economic Change

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Comte & Spencer versus Durkheim

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

Durkheim
First sociologists who did scientific empirical studies. Father of 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
Go Longhorns!