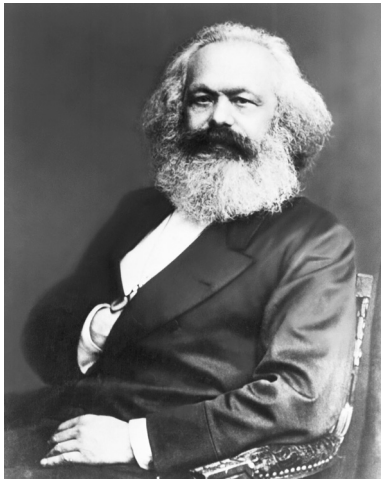




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Harriet Martineau (*left*) published a critique of the United States' failure to live up to its democratic principles 11 years before Karl Marx's most famous work, but she was not taken seriously as a scholar for more than a century because she was female—the first feminist theorist. Karl Marx (*center*) is known as the founder of conflict theory. W. E. B. Du Bois (*right*) continued the development of conflict theory and was among the first to apply that theory to U.S. society, especially to issues of race.