

FIGURE 8.1

Durkheim's Continuum of Development From Mechanical to Organic Societies

Industrialization



Mechanical Societies

Primitive

Rural

Agricultural-based economy

Simple division of labor (few divisions)

Law used to enforce conformity

Typically stronger collective conscience

Organic Societies

Modern

Urban

Industrial-based economy

Complex division of labor (many specialized divisions)

Law used to regulate interactions among divisions

Typically weaker collective conscience