

Q. What is meaning of Anomie?
Discuss Robert Merton theory of Anomie in detail.

Answer: Introduction

"Criminals value no to legal, social, natural norms."

(- Criminology View)

Anomie refers to mode of adaptation as per situation prevailing. However, Robert Merton theory of Anomie is best description of all above details of Anomie. Hence, Robert Merton describes role of Anomie in his theory.

2. Meaning of 'Anomie'

'Anomie' is described in two contexts:

1) Anomie - as 'role of confusion'
"Criminology is true, people commit crimes in pleasure and in pain."

2 - M. J. An
Schmidt

a - Robert Merton
b - role of
confusion

3 - Turner - R

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S - CIA

(-Emile Durkheim)

Anomie is a state of confusion that people commit crimes even in both; in pleasure and in pain. Thus, anomie is confused state of criminality.

b) Anomie - as 'division of labour.'

1. Division of labour in society leads to

crimes in the context of rich and poor.

(-Emile Durkheim)

Further, Anomie is best described in the context of social labour.

Anomie refers to crime as social problem that is pushed by sources of rich and poor ideology.

According to Donald Traft,

Crime is a social injury, varies place to place and time to time.

(-Donald Traft)

Therefore, anomie describes crime as a social problem leads to social...

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Robert Merton Theory of Anomie

"Anomie is an attempt for socially approved means for cultural goals."
 (- Robert Merton)

According to Robert Merton, Anomie can be better described in following terms:

a)

Culturally Defined Goals

Culturally defined goals can be good and bad. Man attempt to adopt culturally goals for a better life.
 e.g.: good car and good home perception

Therefore, 'Anomie' is led by culturally defined goals.

b)

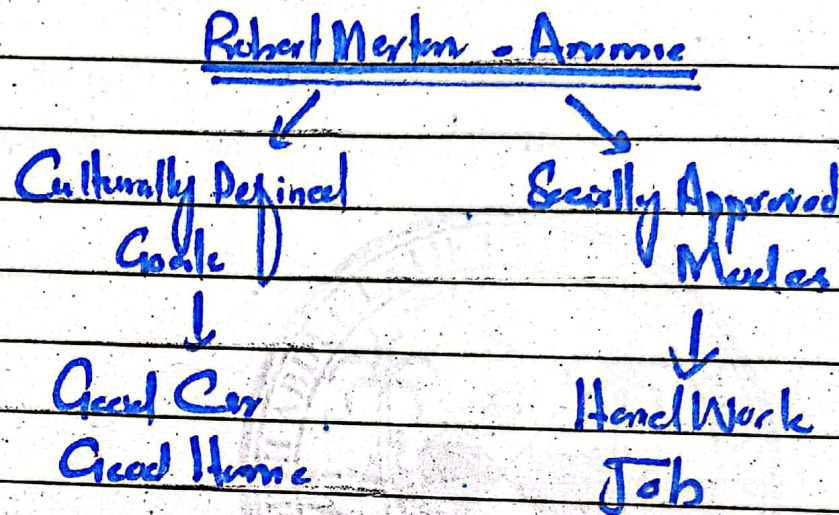
Socially Approved Modes

In order to achieve goals, some modes are adopted.

Modes can be good or bad, legal or illegal to get desired goals.

e.g.: hardwork and ...

Hence, 'Anomie', according to Robert Merton is all about achievements of goals by socially approved or disapproved means.



4- Explanation of Robert Merton Theory of Anomie

Following is detail of theory:

a) Conformity Mode

According to Robert Merton, people get good culturally goals by good modes - They achieve their goals by socially approved means.
ie "A person had a car by his hard work."

Hence, conformity is overall positivity of economic.

b) Innovation Mode

Besides Conformity, in Innovation Mode, good and healthy life is lived by illegal means. A person can have culturally defined goals, but not socially approved means.

e.g. 'A man have car by robbing people.'

Hence, innovation mode leads to illegal means of achievements of goals.

c) Ritualism Mode

Moreover, ritualism describes that culturally goals are not adequate to have a comfortable life. However, a man can struggle and work hard to achieve and improve his situation.

e.g., 'A man rejects offer of 30k salary.'

but work hard to

improve his status.

Thus, ritualism describes that a person adopts positive mode to improve his social status.

d) Retreatism Mode

Moreover, retreatism is showing that a person status is bad and he is deprived of good social status. Despite of it, he still continue illegal mode to stay on the same position.

ie, 'A man has less salary to live and he prevails illegality.'

Therefore, retreatism shows illegal mode of living thing.

e) Rebellion Mode

Besides all, rebellion is different from others. In fact rebellion is all about burn

formed goals in society - but
 source of getting goals is
 positive.

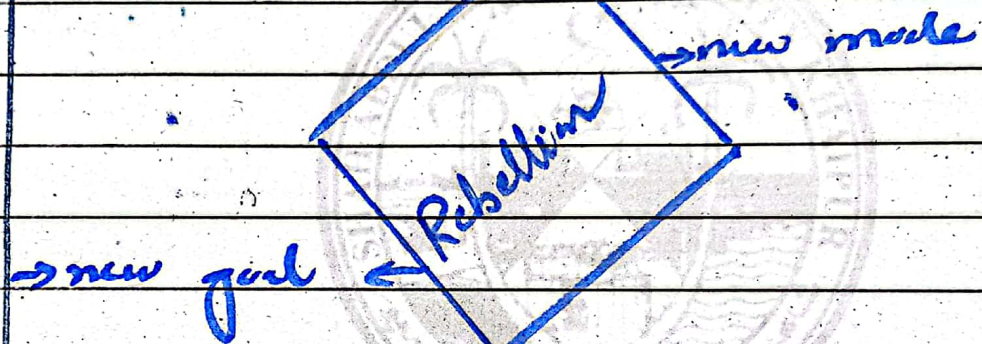
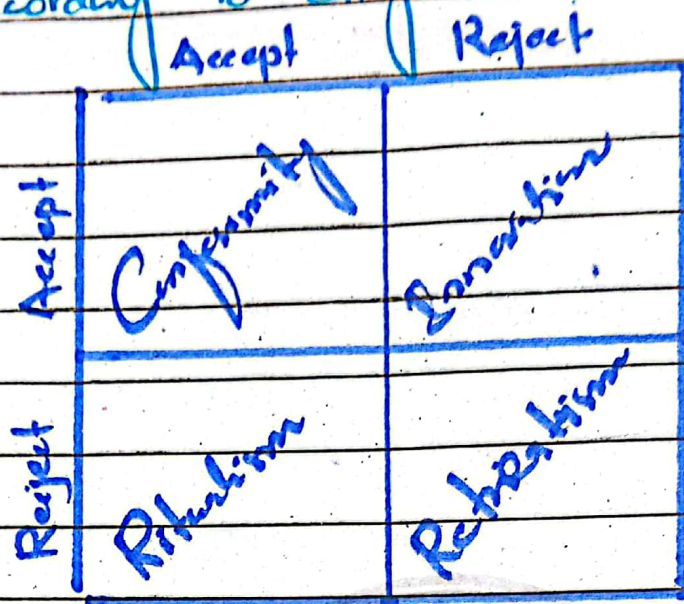
e.g. "A man adopts mode
 of herdwark to derive
 own goals away
 from social
 norms."

Therefore, rebellion is odd one phenomenon.

Mode	Goals	Modes
Conformity	+	+
Innovation	+	-
Ritualism	-	+
Retreatism	-	-
Rebellion	+	+

Symbolically Description of
 Robert Merton
 'Anomie'

According to diagram:



Robert Merton Theory of Anomie

5- Conclusion

'Culturally Goals perception leads to Anomie for masses...'

(- Robert Merton)

Anomie describes socially phenomenon of crime. However, (Robert Merton had describe in detail) modes of adaptation of goals that leads to Anomie!