

Soc 0150
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Weber:

Why obey....

- trust
- authority figure
 - ~respect/listen to/ look up to
- “scary”
 - ~power

To obey= to force

Getting your way= winning

- the flip side of power is that they can deny you “your way” ; consequences or punishment (stipend performance)

- coach has legitimate reasons for loosing control and you don't
- yelling/control

Legitimate domination

- based on tradition
- rational legal grounds
- charismatic

Weber isn't making judgments
but saying there's a sectional trend
towards rationalization

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Legal authority

It's not about who you are but about following the impersonal, impartial and institutional laws

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“if leadership fails to benefit his followers it is likely that his charismatic authority will disappear”

Priests traditional? Rational? (depends on how formal the church is)

Pg 220 “in traditional periods charisma is the great revolutionary force

Ritzer

Practical rationality- looking for yourself materially

Theoretical rationality- cognitive process using ideal types

Substantive rationality

Formal rationality- based on rules and regulations and laws

- efficiency –optimum means to ends; “straight line”
- calculability- ability to count it
- predictability- across settings and times
- control through substitution of human labor for technology
- irrationality- once you achieve all this, it doesn't matter if it's people anymore;
undermine humanity