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EMILE DURKHEIM AND 'THEORY OF SUICIDE' —A Critical Analysis by a Student of Sociology

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Introduction

Published in 1897, originally "*Le Suicide*" by French thinker Emile Durkheim is a classic work for the discipline of sociology today and in sociological interpretation of study of suicide in unfolding the findings on suicide having its identity on origins in social factors and not because of exclusively on individual factors leading to such consequences. He concluded that suicide can be a consequence of social factors and integration in particular and not just emotional factors. He says an individual's possession of feeling of general belongingness to the society within the social context can pave lesser number of suicides.

Durkheim opined that the chances of committing suicide by an individual can be less if an individual is more socially integrated and connected as compared to other individuals in the society. Durkheim works are well reflected and focused on topics like division of labour, suicide and

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