

SOCIAL FACTS ARE:

- *WAYS OF ACTING, THINKING, AND FEELING THAT PRESENT THE PROPERTY OF EXISTING OUTSIDE THE INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS...*
- *THAT FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN USE OF THEM...*
- *AND ARE DISTINCT FROM THEIR INDIVIDUAL MANIFESTATIONS.*

THEIR TWO ESSENTIAL FEATURES ARE THAT:

- *THEY EXIST ONLY AT THE SOCIETAL LEVEL
(characteristic of the group, not the individual)*
- *THEY ARE EXPLICABLE ONLY BY ANOTHER SOCIAL FACT
(can be accounted for only at the same level)*