

## 1: Social Movement Theory: Relative Deprivation Theory Research Paper Starter - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*This article focuses on relative deprivation theory. It provides an analysis of the history, applications, and strengths and weaknesses of the theory. An overview of the origins and main.*

P ; Paulo J Lisboa: P ; Ian H Jarman: I ; Mark A Bellis: M Received Oct 3; Accepted Jan This article has been cited by other articles in PMC. Abstract Background Socioeconomic status gradients in health outcomes are well recognised and may operate in part through the psychological effect of observing disparities in affluence. At an area-level, we explored whether the deprivation differential between neighbouring areas influenced self-reported morbidity over and above the known effect of the deprivation of the area itself. Outcome variables were self-reported from the UK Census: Linear regression was used to identify the effect of the deprivation differential on morbidity in different segments of the population, controlling for the absolute deprivation. P2 is a commercial market segmentation tool, which classifies small areas according to the characteristics of the population. The effect of the deprivation differential relative to the effect of deprivation was strongest in least deprived segments e. Conclusions Living in an area that is surrounded by areas of greater affluence has a negative impact on health in England. A possible explanation for this phenomenon is that negative social comparisons between areas cause ill-health. Area effect, Relative deprivation, Self-reported morbidity, Psychosocial pathway Background Socioeconomic status gradients for many health outcomes have been recognised in numerous studies [ 1 - 3 ]. Using both individual-level measures of deprivation and area-level ecological measures of deprivation, increased mortality, ill health indicators and reduced life expectancy are highly correlated with lower socioeconomic status [ 4 - 6 ]. While area-level measures of deprivation have been used as a proxy when individual measures of deprivation have been unavailable [ 7 ], there has been an increasing interest in the deprivation of the local neighbourhood effects per se, and there is now substantial evidence that neighbourhood deprivation influences health over and above the effect of individual deprivation [ 4 , 8 - 10 ]. Pickett and Pearl systematically reviewed the multilevel studies of neighbourhood effects on public health [ 4 ]. Most studies in their review confirmed the association between neighbourhood deprivation and poor health. The neighbourhood effect on health varies at different subgroups e. There are two main interpretations for the explanation of the relatively poor health of people living in disadvantaged neighbourhoods: Wilkinson [ 16 ] hypothesised that negative psychological effects caused physical ill-health through psycho-neuro-endocrine mechanisms. The neo-materialist theory suggests that those areas that are wealthier have more local facilities and resources and this has a positive impact on health [ 17 , 18 ]. In support of this, it has been demonstrated that people in less deprived areas acquire more collective material and social resources, including public services, recreation facilities, job opportunities and social support, which promotes health [ 19 - 21 ]. Pertinent to this paper, this theory leads to the prediction that even a relatively poor area may benefit from the effect of being located among less deprived areas because of better public services and facilities; this is the reverse of the prediction from the psychosocial theory, which would predict that surrounding wealth relative to own would be detrimental to health. The analysis of deprivation and health data at a small geographical area gives the ideal opportunity to test these competing hypotheses. Relatively little research has been done using such ecological analysis, with those that do seeming to show conflicting findings. The results supported the neo-materialistic interpretation, with type 2 diabetes more common in deprived areas, but lower in deprived areas that were surrounded by relatively less deprived areas. They found that higher inequality was associated with mortality from coronary heart disease. Although their study did not directly test the two hypotheses since the direction of the inequality was not measured , they did interpret it as supporting the notion that inequalities are detrimental to overall population health. Previously, we demonstrated how to overcome this difficulty by generating an uncorrelated measure of deprivation inequality [ 24 ]. Areas that were surrounded by more affluent areas suffered greater mortality than those surrounded by areas of equal or lower affluence, which was consistent with the psychosocial model. In this paper, we explore the association between the self-reported health status of an area and the deprivation differential between it and surrounding areas and compare the strengths of relationships with the mortality

findings reported previously. Mortality and self-reported health status are usually considered to function similarly as indicators of population health. However, self-reported health can be considered to be a subjective evaluation that captures the full array of illnesses and symptoms of undiagnosed diseases in preclinical stages, and could be mediated by psychological status [ 25 ]. Since these measures may be more closely related to the proposed psychosocial explanation for health inequalities, we aim to test the psychosocial explanation of deprivation and health inequalities by comparing the health of areas where deprivation is high relative to their neighbours with those where deprivation levels are similar or less. The queen contiguity considers any area that shares a common boundary or vertex as a neighbour [ 26,27 ], which means all the surrounding areas are defined as neighbours. See Zhang et al. Self-reported morbidity We used two morbidity indicators from the self-reported health questions in the UK census extracted from Office for National Statistics ONS online data warehouse at [http:](http://)

### 2: What is RELATIVE DEPRIVATION? definition of RELATIVE DEPRIVATION (Psychology Dictionary)

*Relative deprivation is the lack of resources to sustain the diet, lifestyle, activities and amenities that an individual or group are accustomed to or that are widely encouraged or approved in the society to which they belong.*

Its use in criminology was not until the 1950s by theorists such as S. S. Stack, John Braithwaite and particularly the left realists see entry for whom it is a key concept. Its attraction as an explanatory variable in the post-war period is because of the rise of crime in the majority of industrial societies despite the increase in living standards. That is, where material deprivation in an absolute sense declined and the old equation of the more poverty the more crime was clearly falsified. Relative Deprivation occurs where individuals or groups subjectively perceive themselves as unfairly disadvantaged over others perceived as having similar attributes and deserving similar rewards their reference groups. It is in contrast with absolute deprivation, where biological health is impaired or where relative levels of wealth are compared based on objective differences - although it is often confused with the latter. Subjective experiences of deprivation are essential and, indeed, relative deprivation is more likely when the differences between two groups narrows so that comparisons can be easily made than where there are caste-like differences. The discontent arising from relative deprivation has been used to explain radical politics whether of the left or the right, messianic religions, the rise of social movements, industrial disputes and the whole plethora of crime and deviance. The usual distinction made is that religious fervour or demand for political change are a collective response to relative deprivation whereas crime is an individualistic response. But this is certainly not true of many crimes - for example, smuggling, poaching or terrorism - which have a collective nature and a communal base and does not even allow for gang delinquency which is clearly a collective response. The connection is, therefore, largely under-theorised - a reflection of the separate development of the concept within the seemingly discrete disciplines of sociology of religion, political sociology and criminology. Anomie theory involves a disparity between culturally induced aspirations eg success in terms of the American Dream and the opportunities to realise them. The parallel is clear: But there are clear differences, in particular Mertonian anomie involves an inability to realise culturally induced notions of success. It does not involve comparisons between groups but individuals measuring themselves against a general goal. The empirical implications of this difference in emphasis are, however, significant: For discontent can be felt anywhere in the class structure where people perceive their rewards as unfair compared to those with similar attributes. Thus crime would be more widespread although it would be conceded that discontent would be greatest amongst the socially excluded. What is to be Done About Law and Order? Pluto, has an extensive discussion of relative deprivation as a cause of crime. For a thorough examination of the literature on relative deprivation interpreted in a more objectivist way ie by measuring income disparities and assuming there is subjective discontent see S. Box Recessions, Crime and Punishment Macmillan,

### 3: Content Pages of the Encyclopedia of Religion and Social Science

*Relative Deprivation and Social Movement* Relative Deprivation theory is credited to sociologist Samuel Stouffer, who developed the approach while studying social psychology during World War II.

It seems logical then that those children who do not have as many commodities as their peers notice their economic deficiencies and are affected negatively because they feel they are deprived or inferior to their companions. This reasoning is the basis of the relative deprivation theory. Past studies have found that relative deprivation does indeed have negative effects on people, including children. However, the problems associated with relative deprivation are slight in comparison to the tribulations an environment without it presents. It is far better for children, particularly those who are underprivileged, to be raised in neighborhoods of heterogeneous incomes where both rich and poor people reside and where relative deprivation is high than to live in homogeneous income areas where the condition is at a minimum. Sorry, but full essay samples are available only for registered users Choose a Membership Plan Thus, the government should make it mandatory for every neighborhood to have both rich and poor families residing in them. Many people only know the harmful effects of relative deprivation and do not realize that it is also beneficial in some ways. Such people only consider the literal meaning of the term and its negative connotations, but do not think about what the world would be like without it. For instance, the concept of relative deprivation strictly means that the amount of possessions or commodities one has in comparison to others influences his conceptions of himself and therefore negatively impacts his self-esteem and behavior. It is not unreasonable to believe that comparative poverty will cause children to think of themselves as deficient and will promote feelings of low self-esteem. In fact, the relative deprivation theory, which is introduced in Ruth N. Overall, it causes people to feel inadequate, which lead them to develop unhealthy social behavior and low-self esteem, which in turn destabilizes their emotional, physical, and moralistic well-being. Psychology experiments and public health studies have found that relative deprivation causes stress, depression, heart disease, high blood pressure, suicide, unhealthy eating habits, alcohol abuse, and unethical behavior qtd. Thus, it is proven that relative poverty does have negative influences on a person. However, for an underprivileged child, the consequence of growing up in a neighborhood where relative deprivation is not present is even worse. Although relative deprivation is minimized, neighborhoods where all the residents living there share similar economic backgrounds are more harmful than beneficial to children. Mah-Jabeen Soobader and Felicia B. The reduced quality and availability of such resources as health services, libraries, schools, and recreational facilities typically characteristic of neighborhoods where poor people live, is one reason why children are more unlikely to grow up to be successful in areas that are homogeneously poor. Another reason is that children living in such places lack the role models to inspire them to seek higher-level jobs and education. Children often learn by example, so if the adults around them are illiterate or have such expensive habits as gambling problems, alcohol and drug addictions, or compulsive shopping, then their children may grow up to have the same characteristics and may end up leading lives of poverty themselves. Another factor that which often forces youths to live in poverty all their lives is the fact that children who reside in homogeneously poor communities receive second-rate educations. In a study done by Jeanne Brooks-Gunn and her colleagues, it was found that the verbal ability scores of preschoolers in Canada were negatively associated with those youths who resided in neighborhoods with poor residents Thus, even at such an early age, verbal deficiency is already present in the poverty-stricken children because their quality of education is inferior. Since adequate verbal skills are essential to have if one hopes to get a good job or career, the likelihood that the youths will get out of poverty is already slim. In other words, neighborhoods that have only poor residents negatively affect the health of the children that live there. The unavailability or proper medical facilities, health plans, and health insurance in homogeneously poor neighborhoods account for this fact. In their childhood, all they know is need, so they expect destitution to be part of their adulthood as well. Consequently, ubiquitously poor areas are even more detrimental to children because it decreases the likeliness for the children to get out of poverty. On the other hand, living in an economically heterogeneous neighborhood where both rich and poor people live, promotes

the betterment of children. In such environments with successful people residing in them, children are inspired by those people to achieve higher learning and top-notch jobs themselves. The resources available to the children in richer areas such as child care, and youth programs also contribute to the betterment of the children by providing them with stimulating and enriching activities that build their characters and intelligences. In fact, there is hard evidence that poor children benefit from living in communities with wealthy people. To make her study of relative deprivation more comprehensive, Ruth Lopez Turley even conducted her own experiment and collected data that refuted the relative deprivation theory. Her study proved that because there are people present who are relatively advantaged richer than their peers in environments where relative deprivation is high, the dispositions of the children in that area improved. Turley tested youths from age groups ranging from , , and . She tested children who were either poor or wealthy in comparison to their neighbors and assessed them based on their test scores, self-esteem, and behavior. After conducting her experiment, Turley concluded that relative deprivation actually has a significantly positive effect on the underprivileged children, causing them to increase in self-esteem, earn better grades and test scores, and even improve in behavior. Thus, children should be raised in communities that have families richer than their own even though such environments promote feelings of relative deprivation because it has been proven that youths can overcome such feelings and prosper in spite of them. Also, the children of relatively advantaged families are unaffected by the presence of poorer children in their communities. Thus, having relatively deprived children live in affluent neighborhood would only have overall positive results, for the poor children will benefit and the rich ones would not be affected at all. However, there should be some guidelines that regulate the ratio of poor and rich families that are allowed to reside in a neighborhood. Therefore, communities should have more affluent people than deprived people so that they will minimize as much relative deprivation as possible. For, even though the profits of having relative deprivation present in a neighborhood out-weighs the harm of it being there, the area would optimally benefit if relative deprivation was at a minimum. It follows then that only small numbers of impoverished families should be integrated into affluent neighborhoods. This way, the children of the neighborhood would benefit in two ways. First, they would not be subjected to high levels of relative deprivation and so the negative influences associated with it will be at a minimum. Secondly, the children from poor families will be able to improve their situations in life by making use of the resources and positive role models the affluent neighborhood provides them with. Thus, relative deprivation is both positive and negative, but its positive aspects out-weighs its negative ones. Although some studies have shown that relative deprivation causes emotional and physical stress, others have stated that it can actually motivate the deprived to better themselves. So, although having homozygous neighborhoods where only people of similar incomes lived together would eliminate relative deprivation and its possible negative side-affects, it would also prevent poor people from moving up in the world because if only poor people lived in a certain area, the children of that neighborhood would not have the resources and role models they need to improve themselves. Thus, not having relative deprivation in a society would be far worse than having it, so the government should ensure that a certain ratio of rich and poor people should reside in every neighborhood. People can overcome the negative aspects of relative deprivation. Studies have already shown that children are able to. Therefore, if children can do it, the rest of the population has the capability of doing the same.

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*Relative Deprivation Theory* In sociology, relative deprivation theory is a view of social change and movements, according to which people take action for social change in order to acquire something (for example, opportunities, status, or wealth) that others possess and which they believe they should have, too.

As far back as the early nineteenth century Alexis de Tocqueville suggested that it explained why the strongholds of the French Revolution were in regions where standards of living had been improving. Throughout the second half of the twentieth century the concept was associated with explanations of revolutions, insurgencies, and civil unrest throughout the world and the urban riots of the 1960s in the United States. It was used to describe the hope of the poorest counties for a better future in the wake of postwar decolonialization. During the immediate postwar years, regions of Asia, Africa, and the Middle East successfully mobilized national liberation movements against British, French, and Dutch rule to create newly independent countries. In India, Indonesia, Malaya, Burma, Laos, the partitioned Vietnam, and several Middle Eastern countries industrial development based on a Soviet-style planned economy held great attraction, especially in light of the Chinese revolution—a non-Western, nonwhite, and proximate model. In the cold war context the key question was whether a developmental model based on communism or one based on capitalism best satisfied the rising expectations in those countries. In the 1960s researchers in sociology and political science applied the concept of the revolution of rising expectations to explain not only the attractiveness of communism in many third world countries but also revolutions in general, for example, the French, American, Russian, and Mexican revolutions. In James C. Davies used those cases to illustrate his J-curve hypothesis, a formal model of the relationships among rising expectations, their level of satisfaction, and revolutionary upheavals. He proposed that revolution is likely when, after a long period of rising expectations accompanied by a parallel increase in their satisfaction, a downturn occurs. When perceptions of need satisfaction decrease but expectations continue to rise, a widening gap is created between expectations and reality. That gap eventually becomes intolerable and sets the stage for rebellion against a social system that fails to fulfill its promises. The Cuban revolution, the communist insurgency in the Dominican Republic, and several leftist movements in Latin America were attributed to unfulfilled expectations, as was the electoral success of leftist parties such as the election of Jacobo Arbenz in Guatemala and Salvador Allende in Chile. At the heart of this reasoning was the assumption that the frustration of unfulfilled expectations leads to aggressive behavior, which can be manifested in political rebellion or electoral change. Relative deprivation is the perceived discrepancy in what people think they should achieve and what they do achieve. It was the animating concept for a large body of research Gurr that attempted to explain both domestic and international civil unrest. The early successes of the civil rights movement in the 1950s had been characterized as a revolution in rising expectations among American blacks, and their perceptions of the slow pace of change during the 1960s were seen as a cause of urban riots in the United States Geschwender; Runciman. Several studies showed that the most intense rioting occurred in cities where improvement of conditions for blacks had been the greatest. Most research along these lines on both urban riots and comparative revolution or insurgencies used objective macroeconomic measures to infer deprivation, for example, rising gross national product and regional occupational patterns. Studies that did collect survey data often found that the relationship was weaker than expected Abeles; McPhail or that people were much more pragmatic about future expectations than aggregate economic data might indicate Obershall, suggesting that other variables may cause civil unrest. Also, because perceptions of relative deprivation are individual phenomena, research studies often failed to explain how individual states were translated into collective action, a key process that often was left implicit or assumed.

**LATER MODELS** Because of inconclusive empirical proof, methodological constraints, and conceptual criticisms of this body of research, more recent social science models of civil unrest and revolutionary violence have deemphasized the idea of rising expectations, their frustration by state policies, and feelings of relative deprivation. Since the 1970s the focus has been on the structure and strength of state institutions, the mobilization capacity of aggrieved populations, and the cultural processes that channel perceptions of

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*Social scientists, particularly political scientists and sociologists, have cited 'relative deprivation' (especially temporal relative deprivation) as a potential cause of social movements and deviance, leading in extreme situations to political violence such as rioting, terrorism, civil wars and other instances of social deviance such as crime.*

Physical abuse, starvation, and poverty are seen as forms of absolute deprivation, whereas relative deprivation can be defined as the discrepancy between what one expects in life and what one gets. Deprivation was seen by generations of scholars, not necessarily Marxists, as the cause of both personal religious commitment and sect and cult formation. The German scholars Max Weber and Ernst Troeltsch were pioneers with regard to the relationships between sect and church membership, and social class and status group. Richard Niebuhr saw sects as the "churches of the disinherited"; because of their lack of economic and political power, the less privileged needed religion most, and sects and cults could provide their members with compensation for the lack of social and personal success. In the 1950s and 1960s, much theorizing centered on the construction of typologies. This was also the case in deprivation theory. For example, Charles Glock, Glock and Stark distinguished five types of deprivation, depending on the kinds of strain felt: Every type gave rise to a particular type of religious group, respectively: According to the class into which it fell, Glock could predict the "career" of the particular religious group. According to Bryan Wilson, most new religious movements in the Third World were either thaumaturgic—that is, they responded to very specific and acute forms of deprivation—or revolutionist—to the strain felt by the putative imminent destruction of the world. Since the 1970s, deprivation theory has been criticized by various scholars. Its main defect is that, although the ideology component in the recruitment of members is rightly stressed, class is but one of the many factors that affect religious commitment. Another serious defect is the absence of any social network consideration. These shortcomings can be met when deprivation theory is integrated into a more full-fledged theory. This can be done, as was demonstrated by Stark and Bainbridge, for example, in their formal, rational choice theory on religious behavior. See also Compensators, Rational Choice Theory. Oxford University Press, Stark, Religion and Society in Tension Chicago: Rand McNally, R. Wilson, Magic and the Millennium London:

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*In social movement: Psychological factors. The concept of relative deprivation has been used to explain the fact that persons who could be much worse off than they are but still feel deprived in comparison with even more fortunate groups often play a prominent part in social movements.*

Overview[ edit ] The term "social deprivation" is slightly ambiguous and lacks a concrete definition. There are several important aspects that are consistently found within research on the subject. With social deprivation one may have limited access to the social world due to factors such as low socioeconomic status or poor education. The socially deprived may experience "a deprivation of basic capabilities due to a lack of freedom, rather than merely low income. Social deprivation may be correlated with or contribute to social exclusion, which is when a member in a particular society is ostracized by other members of the society. The excluded member is denied access to the resources that allow for healthy social, economic, and political interaction. It is also associated with abusive caretaking , developmental delay, mental illness and subsequent suicide. Although a person may be socially deprived or excluded, they will not necessarily develop mental illness or perpetuate the cycle of deprivation. Such groups and individuals may have completely normal development and retain a strong sense of community. Early development[ edit ] Research on social deprivation is based primarily on observational and self-report measures. This has provided an understanding of how social deprivation is linked to lifespan development and mental illness. Critical periods[ edit ] A critical period refers to the window of time during which a human needs to experience a particular environmental stimulus in order for proper development to occur. In instances of social deprivation, particularly for children, social experiences tend to be less varied and development may be delayed or hindered. Feral children[ edit ] In severe cases of social deprivation or exclusion, children may not be exposed to normal social experiences. Language provides a good example of the importance of periods in development. If a child has limited exposure to language before a certain age, language is difficult or impossible to obtain. There have been several recorded cases in history of children emerging from the wilderness in late childhood or early adolescence, having presumably been abandoned at an early age. Genie , a contemporary victim of social deprivation, had severely limited human contact from 20 months until At the time of her discovery by social workers, Genie was unable to talk, chew solids foods, stand or walk properly, or control bodily functions and impulsive behaviours. Although Genie was able to learn individual words, she was never able to speak grammatical English. Brain development[ edit ] Social deprivation in early childhood development can also cause neurocognitive deficits in the brain. Positron emission tomography PET scans reveal drastic reductions in areas such as the prefrontal cortex, temporal lobe, amygdala, hippocampus, and orbitofrontal gyrus of socially deprived children. These areas are associated with higher order cognitive processing such as memory, emotion, thinking, and rationalization. This structure is responsible for providing a major pathway of communication between areas for higher cognitive and emotional functioning, such as the amygdala and frontal lobe. Research also suggests that socially deprived children have imbalances with hormones associated with affiliative and positive social behaviour, specifically oxytocin and vasopressin. Institutionalized children showed a marked decrease in vasopressin and oxytocin levels while interacting with their caregiver compared to controls. Failure to receive proper social interaction at a young age disrupts normal neuroendocrine system developments that mediate social behaviour. Society provides a sense of stability and socially deprived people fail to fit within this social structure. These reciprocal influences can become an unfortunate cycle for an individual who requires social or financial assistance to survive, particularly in a society which excludes those who are deemed abnormal. This apparent cycle of alienation can cause feelings of helplessness where the only foreseeable resolution may be suicide. There is an identified link between severe mental illness and subsequent suicide. Dating back to the late nineteenth century, Durkheim illustrated that highly integrated societies with strong social bonds and a high degree of social cohesion have low suicide rates. Social integration consists of many sources such as religious, social, and political memberships. Relationships within the community and other individuals can create a better quality of life that decreases the chance of becoming

mentally ill and of committing suicide. Socioeconomic factors[ edit ] A lack of equal distribution of resources is fuelled by an increasing economic gap. The focus of power toward the upper statuses creates disparity and loss of privileges within the lower class. The lower socioeconomic statuses, in turn, become socially deprived based on the lack of access to freedoms. Loss of power is associated with a lack of opportunity and political voice, which restricts participation in the community. Social relations consist of events such as social activities, support in times of need, and ability to "get out and about. A positive educational experience plays an important role in allowing such children to advance in society. A population of at-risk children were identified and randomly assigned to two groups: Compared to students not enrolled in the program, students who were enrolled completed a longer high-school education, scored higher on tests of scholastic achievement and intellectual performance, had lower lifetime criminal-arrest rates, and reported significantly higher monthly earnings as adults. These findings indicate that children who are experiencing non-educational social deprivation may benefit from a sensitive, positive educational experience.

## 7: Relative deprivation - Wikipedia

*A feeling of deprivation occurring when one compares themselves to another, regardless of objective reality. See also: social comparison theory. RELATIVE DEPRIVATION: "The subject experienced relative deprivation because of their lack of material possessions."*

Theory[ edit ] American sociologist Robert K. Merton. The former is caused by unfavorable social position when compared to other, better off members of a specific group of which A is the member and the latter, by unfavorable comparison to other, better off groups. Egoistic relative deprivation can be seen in the example of a worker who believes he should have been promoted faster and may lead that person to take actions intended to improve his position within the group; those actions are, however, unlikely to affect many people. Fraternalistic can be seen in the example of racial discrimination, and are much more likely to result in the creation and growth of large social movement, like the American Civil Rights Movement in the s. Another example of fraternalistic relative deprivation is the envy teenagers feel towards the wealthy characters who are portrayed in movies and on television as being "middle class" or "normal" despite wearing expensive clothes, driving expensive cars, and living in mansions. Fraternalistic group deprivation has also been linked to voting behaviours, particularly in the case of voting for the far-right [13]. Deprivation Theory means that people who are deprived of things deemed valuable in society—whether money, justice, status or privilege—join social movements with the hope of redressing their grievances. This is a beginning point for looking at why people join social movements; however, it is even more important to look at relative deprivation theory, a belief that people join social movement based on their evaluations of what they think they should have compared with what others have. Improved conditions fuel human desires for even better conditions, and thus can spark revolutions. Relativeness[ edit ] Feelings of deprivation are relative, as they come from a comparison to social norms that are not absolute and usually differ from time and place. This differentiates relative deprivation from objective deprivation also known as absolute deprivation or absolute poverty - a condition that applies to all underprivileged people. This leads to an important conclusion: Consider the following examples: In , when cars are common in most societies, an individual unable to afford one is much more likely to feel deprived. In another example, mobile phones are common today, and many people may feel that they deserve to have one. Fifty years ago, when there were no mobile phones, such a sentiment would obviously not exist. Relative deprivation may be temporal; that is, it can be experienced by people that experience expansion of rights or wealth, followed by stagnation or reversal of those gains. Such phenomena are also known as unfulfilled rising expectations. Relative and absolute deprivation[ edit ] Some sociologists, for instance Karl Polanyi, have argued that relative differences in economic wealth are more important than absolute deprivation, and that it is more significant in determining human quality of life. A specific form of relative deprivation is relative poverty. Critique[ edit ] Critique of this theory has pointed out that this theory fails to explain why some people who feel discontent fail to take action and join social movements. Counter-arguments include that some people are prone to conflict-avoidance, are short-term-oriented, and that imminent life difficulties may arise since there is no guarantee that life-improvement will result from social action. But let there arise next to the little house a palace, and the little house shrinks to a hut. The little house now makes it clear that its inmate has no social position at all to maintain, or but a very insignificant one; and however high it may shoot up in the course of civilization, if the neighboring palace rises in equal or even in greater measure, the occupant of the relatively little house will always find himself more uncomfortable, more dissatisfied, more cramped within his four walls.

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*Relative deprivation occurs when a person is denied an object or condition that he or she believes is deserved. For example, as cellular phones become increasingly ubiquitous, people without them might experience relative deprivation because they feel entitled to have phones of their own. Relative.*

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*The relative deprivation approach to poverty examines the indicators of deprivation, which are then related back to income levels and resources. To further this relative deprivation approach, Townsend developed a list of sixty indicators of the population's 'style of living' for a survey into standards of living in the United Kingdom.*

This accounts for the counterintuitive but persistent finding that typically such revolts are launched by groups that enjoy rising, not falling, socioeconomic conditions. However, two underlying questions remain the subject of academic inquiry. First is the specific definition of relative deprivation—namely, deprivation of what and relative to whom or what? The second is which factors mediate the connection between deprivation and rebellion—that is, when will relative deprivation actually lead to rebellion? Marx typically focused narrowly on the relative material inequality between classes, predicting that workers would rebel even in the face of improving living standards if they perceived capitalist living standards to be rising even faster. Alexis de Tocqueville crucially observed that relative deprivation alone was insufficient; also necessary was an expectation that rebellion would improve the situation: This, he said, explained his empirical observation that revolution tended to occur when states were relaxing, not heightening, oppression. In the early s James C. Davies posited that the decisive relative deprivation was not between groups but rather between the expected satisfaction and actual satisfaction of one group. Like Tocqueville, he identified the key mediating factor between deprivation and rebellion as the expectation of success. This work clearly echoes Tocqueville. For more than three decades Ted Robert Gurr integrated these and other emergent findings of the literature into his repeatedly revised and expanded general theory of ethnocultural rebellion and political action. His primary causal variable continues to be relative deprivation, although he defines it broadly like Davies as the difference between perceived entitlement and actual welfare, so that even relatively privileged groups may be motivated to rebel by perceived disadvantage. Gurr says three mediating variables determine whether deprivation actually will lead a group to take action—salience of ethnocultural identity, group capacity for mobilization based partly on geography, and political opportunities for success. A domestic political variable—whether state institutions and resources favor repression or accommodation of group demands—determines whether ethnopolitical action will take the form of peaceful protest or violent rebellion. Prominent economists and political scientists, including Paul Collier, Anke Hoeffler, David Laitin, and Jim Fearon, have disputed the primary role of relative deprivation in motivating rebellion, which they say is driven less by grievance than by greed. When Men Revolt and Why: A Reader in Political Violence and Revolution. Hoeffler, Anke, and Paul Collier. Greed and Grievance in Civil War. Oxford Economic Papers 56 4: Kuperman Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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