Elites:

1. Marxist Theory
	* By Karl Marx
	* Those who control the economy have the real power in society & government
	* He would argue that government is a tool of the rich
		+ Example: In America these elites would be the leaders of the major corporations
2. The “Power Elite”
	* Comes from a book written by C. Wright Mills (American sociologist)
	* Important decisions are made by 3 groups
		+ corporate leaders, top military officers, and key political figures
3. The Bureaucrats
	* These are the people behind the scenes, not well known like the key political, military or corporate leaders
	* They are the ones who are responsible for managing society.
		+ They carrying on as leaders come and go
	* Theory by Max Weber 🡪 believed that all institutions fall under the control of bureaucracies (not just governments)
4. The Pluralists
	* Elites are easily identified.
	* In modern societies no single group of elites holds a monopoly over the resources within a country
	* They wouldn’t argue that these resources are held by everyone in the country, but that the resources are better spread out.
		+ Business people, political leaders, union bosses, journalist, bureaucrats, university leaders, etc.
	* Since power is divided by among a number of different groups, more people have the chance to influence the decision-making.