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.