

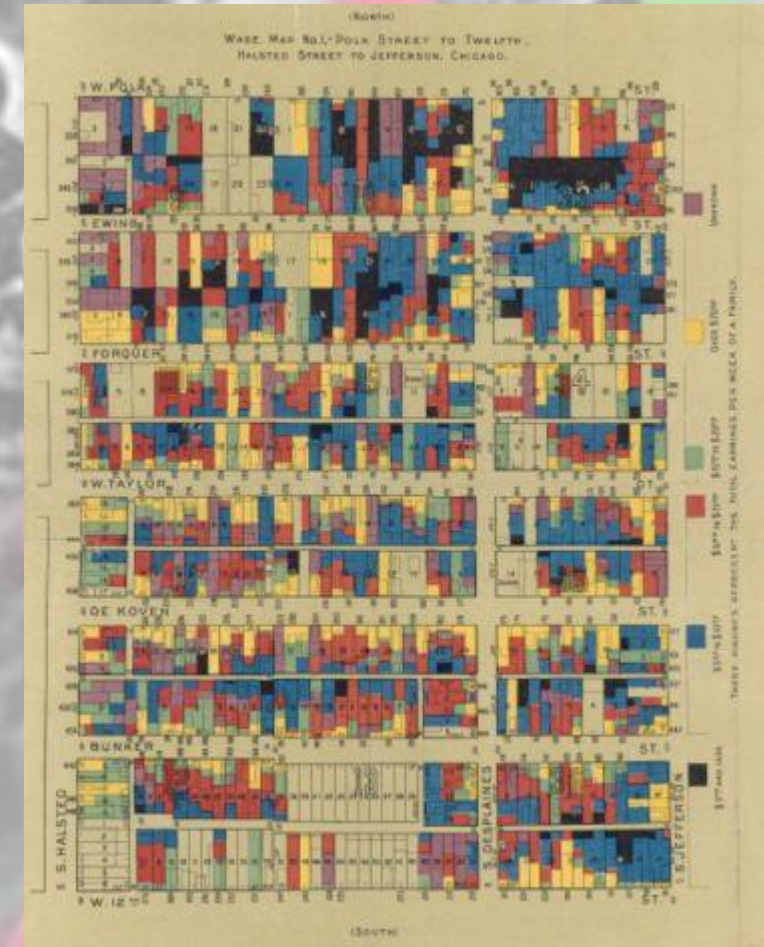


The Chicago School

Modern American Perspective of Sociology

Applying Sociology

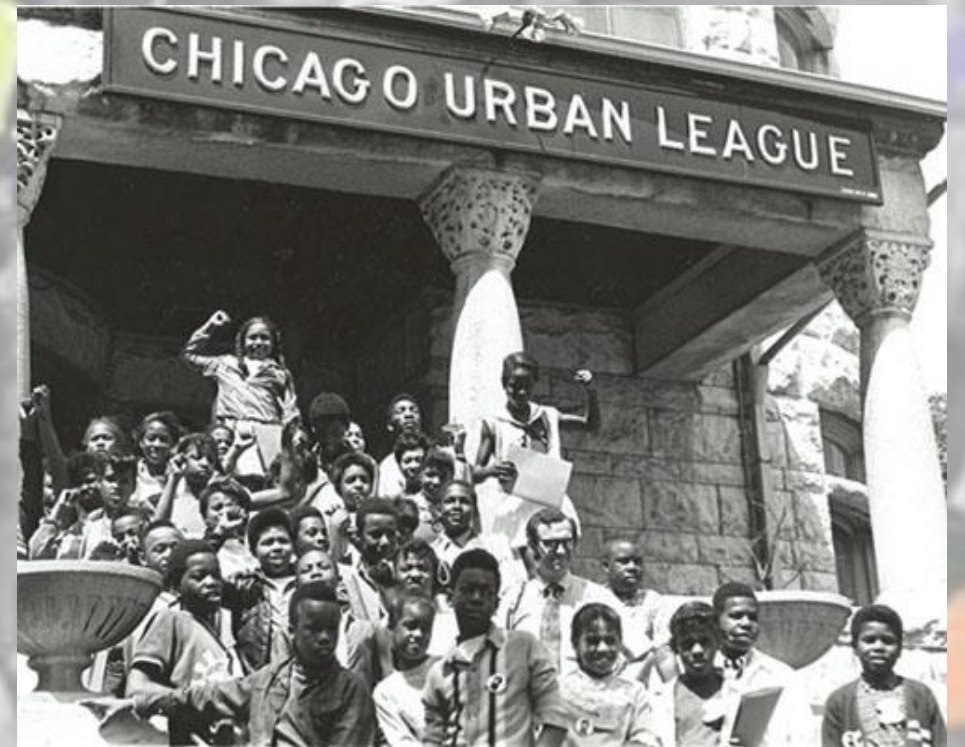
- The Chicago School of Sociology
 - Refers to the contributions of Sociologist from the University of Chicago in the late 1800s/early 1900s
- Felt that Sociology should be used to address social problems
 - Treated the city as a social laboratory
 - Focused on Urban Sociology



Jane Addams map of wages by housing blocks

The Chicago School Focus

- Sociologists felt that the study of society should include practical solutions to identified social problems
 - As opposed to just studying the philosophy of society, the Chicago School pushes for reform based off observation and data collection
 - Focused on issues such as race, immigration, urban decay



Chicago School Sociologists

Jane Addams

- Surveyed the struggles of the urban poor and immigrants in Chicago
 - Opened a settlement house
 - Initiated programs to address things like poor working conditions, malnutrition, low wages, poor sanitation

W.E.B. Du Bois

- Used principles of Chicago School to examine communities
- Stressed the importance of examining race issues in America
 - Called for Sociologists to be involved in Urban Reform