The Macro-Micro Triangle

How Does a Successful Society

Reduce Inequality Shrink gap between "Haves and Have-nots." Maintain Order, Stability, Efficiency, Consensus Make it WORK (Function)

Conflict

Functionalist

MACRO LEVEL
PARTS OF A COUNTRY OR CULTURE
(Society)

Race, income, unemployment rate, market share, etc.

MICRO LEVEL
PEOPLE IN A
ROOM
(Self)

Words, necklaces, T-shirt logos, gestures, etc.

Symbolic Interactionist How Do Successful People

Use symbols and interpret meanings in order to understand each other?