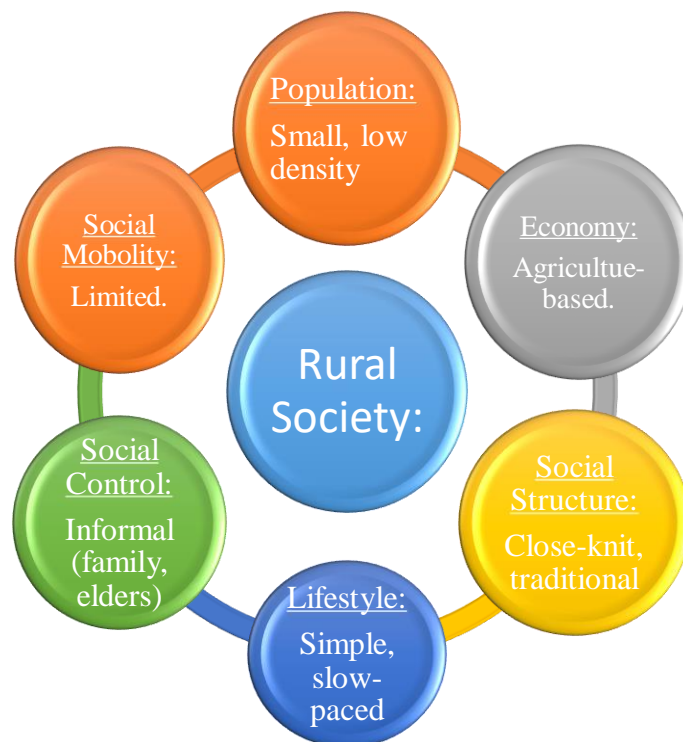


Urban and Rural Sociology:

Subfields of sociology that focus on social life, relationships, and structures in urban and rural settings are known as urban and rural sociology. These disciplines examine how individuals engage with their surroundings and how many elements, including the economy culture, and technology, influence their lives.

1. Differences between urban and rural societies:



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2. Theories of urban and rural sociology:

➤ Ferdinand Tonnies' Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft:

- **Gemeinschaft (community):** rural, traditional, close personal relationships.
- **Gesellschaft (society):** Urban, modern, impersonal relationships.

➤ Louis Wirth's Urbanism as a way of life: urban life leads to anonymity, specialization, and diversity.

➤ Robert Redfield's Folk-Urban Continuum: societies exist on a spectrum from rural to urban with varying traditions and modernization.

3. Urbanization and its impact:

- **Urbanization:** is the transformation of rural regions into urban areas.

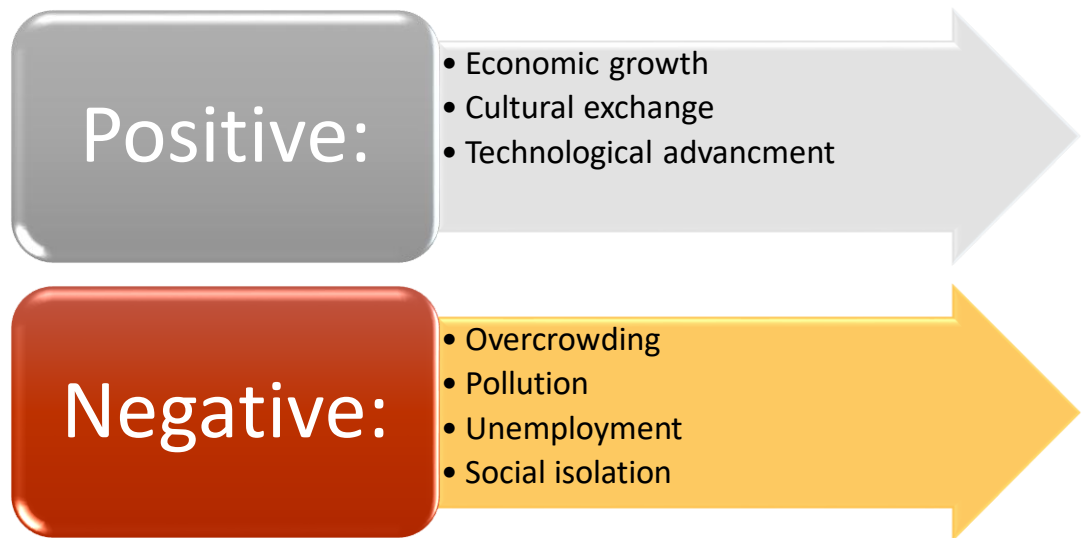
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- **Causes of urbanization:** industrialization, job opportunities, modern infrastructure.
- **Effects of urbanization:**



4. Rural-urban Migration:

- **Push factors (Reasons people leave rural areas):** lack of jobs, poor healthcare, and natural disasters.
- **Pull factors (reasons people move to cities):** better jobs, education, and healthcare.
- **Consequences:** population decline in rural areas, housing shortages in cities, slums.