Summary of “Egoistic Suicide and Anomic Suicide”

**Egoistic suicide**
(Caused by excessive individualism, i.e., low integration into society)

- **Society with high integration**
  - High value given to human existence
  - Low suicide rates

- **Society with low integration**
  - Low value given to human existence
  - High suicide rates

Detachment from society results in detachment from life because society gives meaning to life.

**Anomic suicide**
(Caused by breakdown of social order, i.e., low regulation by society)

- **Society that justifies social order (normal operation)**
  - Each person has appropriate needs/desires for his/her class
  - Low suicide rates

- **Society that no longer justifies social order (high class mobility)**
  - No restraint upon people’s aspirations and appetites
  - High suicide rates

Expansion of the capitalist market results in a chronic state of anomie.