



Introductory to Social Science and Culture

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SOCIAL MEANING OF MAN

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The Meaning of Social

- Attitudes, orientations, or behaviors which take the interests, intentions, or needs of other people into account
- Weber: by virtue of the subjective meanings attached to the action by individuals, it takes account of the behavior of others, and is thereby oriented in its course.
- Contra: Anti-Social

Socialisation

- The lifelong process of inheriting and disseminating norms, customs and ideologies , providing individual with the skills and habits necessary for participating within his/her own society and performing such social roles.
- The process on how the society makes un human, i.e. parts of the society.

Socialisation ... (Cont)

- Childhood Development:
 - Nature: Heredity
 - Each man inherits particular physical/emotional characteristics from their ancestors, i.e. races
 - Nurture: Social Environment
 - Each man learns skills and knowledge in order to become a fully recognised man in the society.
- Locke: Tabula Rasa
 - Individuals are born without built-in mental content and that their knowledge comes from experience and perception.

Social Institutions of Socialisation

- Family (nuclear, extended)
- Religion or Religious/Spiritual Group
- Peer Group
- Education System (formal or informal)
- Other social system: economic, legal, penal
- Language (mother tongue, national, formal)
- Mass Media (television, newspaper etc)

Erikson's Psycho-Social Development

Age	Virtues	Crises	Involving	Question?
Infancy (18 months)	Hope	Trust v Mistrust	Parents	Can I trust the world?
Childhood (3 years)	Will	Autonomy v Shame and Doubt	Parents and Siblings	Is it Okay to be me?
Pre-school (5/6 years)	Purpose	Initiative v Guilt	And other families	Is It Okay for me to do, move and act?
School (11/12 years)	Competence	Industry v Inferiority	School mates	Can I make it in the world of people

... Psycho-Social Development

Age	Virtues	Crises	Involving	Question?
Adolescence (18 years)	Fidelity	Identity v Role Confusion	Peers	Who Am I? What Can I Be?
Young Adulthood (40 years)	Love	Intimacy v Isolation	Partners	Can I Love?
Middle Adulthood (65 years)	Care	Generativity v Stagnation	Household, neighbours	Can I Make My Life Count?
Maturity (65 to death)	Wisdom	Ego Integrity v Despair	Society	Is It Okay To Have Been Me?