

Social Interaction

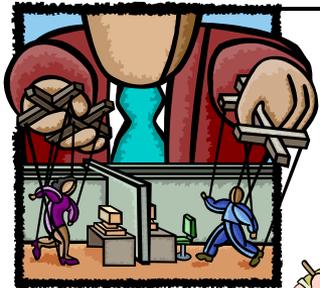
- The mutual influence of two or more people on each other's behavior
 - The building block of the entire social order
 - Ex. On a daily basis you interact with parents, siblings, peers, co-workers, etc. and they influence your behavior



Social Structure

The ordered relationships and patterned expectations that guide social interaction

- Allows people to respond to each other in predictable ways
- Clear ideas of how we “ought” to behave in the presence of others
 - Ex. Employees act differently in the presence of bosses vs. janitors



Social Acts

- Behaviors influenced or shaped by the presence of others
 - When people enter our presence, we change our behavior based on their expectations and demands
 - Ex. How you act in an elevator alone vs. how you act in a crowded elevator



Status Set

- All of the statuses that a person occupies at any particular time

– Mrs. Ammons



- Daughter

- Sister

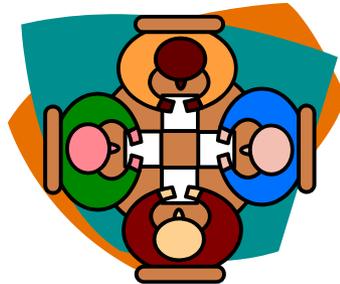
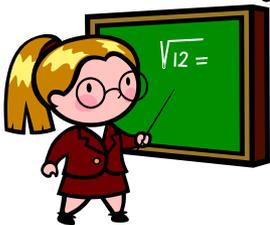
- Teacher

- Mother

- Co-worker

- Friend

- Wife

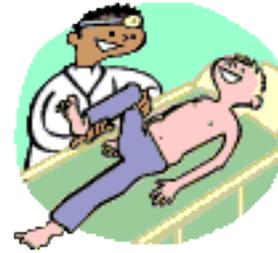
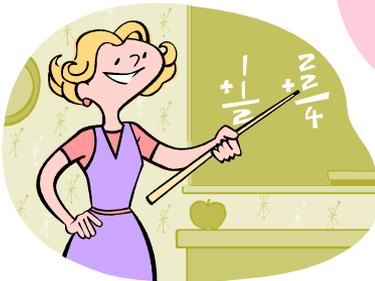


Ascribed Status

- Statuses assigned to individuals without reference to their abilities or efforts
 - Male/female
 - In some societies
 - Social class
 - Religion

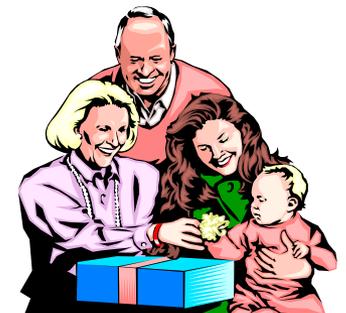
Achieved Status

- A position that is earned or chosen through effort and/or ability
 - Spouse
 - Parent
 - Occupations:
 - Teacher
 - Coach



Master Status

- A status that dominates all other statuses of a person's life
 - *Achieved*
 - Occupation
 - Where you live
 - How well you live
 - How long you live
 - *Ascribed*
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Race
 - Ethnicity



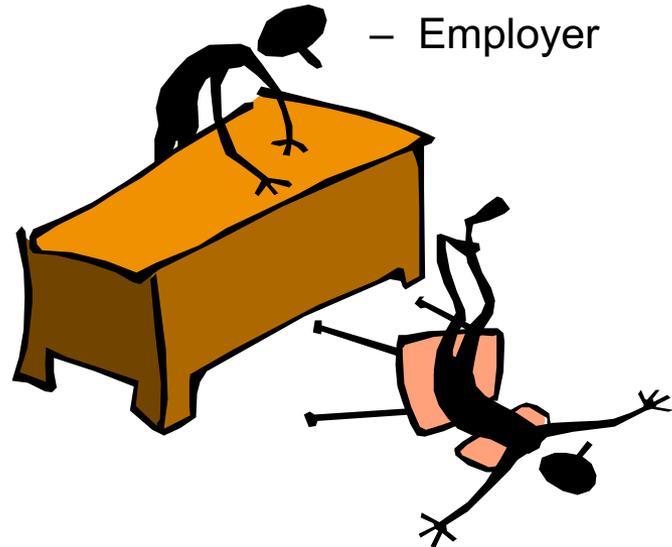


Role

- A set of expectations, rights, and duties attached to a particular status
 - Teacher Roles
 - Plan lessons
 - Teach students
 - Grade papers
 - Offer advice and guidance
 - Communicate with parents
 - Role Model
 - Attend school events

Role Set

- All of the responsibilities and expectations from all the people with whom a person interacts
 - Student Role Set
 - Duties towards
 - Teachers
 - Classmates
 - Teammates
 - Friends
 - Siblings
 - Parents
 - Employer



- **Reciprocal roles:**
corresponding roles.

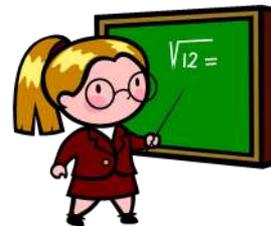
- Husband: wife
- teacher: student

- **Role expectations:**
socially determined
behavior expected of
a person occupying a
certain role.

- Doctor: caring, kind
- Parent: loving,
supportive

- **Role performance:**
Actual role behavior.

- Parent?
- Student?
- Doctor?
- Husband?



- **Role conflict:**
Fulfilling role expectations of one status makes it difficult to fulfill the role expectations of another status.
 - Student-Athlete
 - Employee/friend
- **Role strain:** A person has difficulty fulfilling role expectations of one status.
 - Student
 - Parent
 - Sibling

Social Groups

- Consists of two or more people who...
 - Interact in patterned ways
 - Have a feeling of unity
 - Share certain common interests and expectations



In-Groups and Out-Groups

- *Primary Groups*



- People who regularly interact and have close and long-lasting relationships

- *Secondary Groups*

- People who interact on a formal and impersonal basis to accomplish a specific objective



- *In-Group*

- Group with which people identify and have a sense of belonging

- “we”

- *Out-Group*

- Group that people do not identify with and consider less desirable than their own

- “they”

Social Boundaries

- Material or symbolic devices that identify who is inside or outside a group

– Symbols

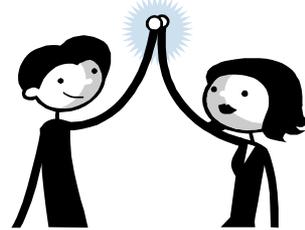


- Badge
- Clothing
- Slang
- Appearance



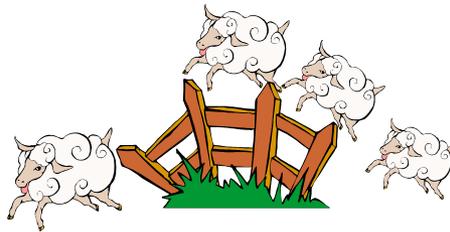
– Actions

- Handshake
- High five



Territory

- Great Wall of China
- Fences



Reference Groups

- Groups that people refer to when evaluating their personal qualities, circumstances, attitudes, values, and behavior
- Little League players use Major League players as a Reference group
 - POSITIVE
 - Cooperative
 - Hard working
 - Respectful
 - NEGATIVE
 - Curse
 - Chew Tobacco
 - Violent Temper

- **Social Networks**

- Web of social relationships that join a person to other people and groups
- Includes; family members, work colleagues, classmates, church members, close friends, car mechanics, and store clerks.
- Social networks tie us to hundreds of people within our communities, country, and even the world.



- **What about social media????**

- What are the benefits?
- What are the problems?
- What are the dangers?
- How has social networks changed parenting, friendships, etc?

