

Socialization

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Introduction

- Inducting an individual into society is called socialization.
- It is process of training to adjust man in society.
- Man learns various social norms and techniques of social life when he interacts with others in various social situations. It means he learns how to play his role in new situations. This learning of role playing is also called socialization.
- Socialization is life long process.

Definition

Peter Woesely "process of transmission of culture, the process whereby men learn roles and practices of social group".

John J. Maccionis: "It is a lifelong social experience by which individual develops their human potentials and learn culture".

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Types of socialization

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Can Robertson gave four types of Socialization
in his book "Sociology".

① Primary Socialization :-

- Most essential and fundamental type of socialization.
- Concentration is given on language and cognitive skills.

② Anticipatory Socialization :-

R.L Merton defines it as the process whereby men socialize themselves into the culture of group with the anticipation of joining that group.

③ Developmental Socialization :-

Kind of learning is based on the primary socialization achievements, with new expectations, obligations and jobs. This new learning combines with old skills makes possible developmental socialization.

④ Re-socialization :-

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- It takes places mostly when a social role radically changed.
- This phenomenon is generally found in old age population who are striving hard for their survival in changing world.

Methods of Socialization

① Cultural conditioning

- It is a process by which individual learns the fundamental cultural patterns of society in which he lives.
- It includes learning to walk, eat, drink, talk and learning languages and religious values etc..
- Conditioning is a process of learning by repetition.
- In childhood learning by reason is rare but learning by condition is frequent.

② Personal-Social learning :-

- Learning through experiences while living in groups of people around him.
- It is called learning by reasons.
- This cultural process never found in animals

↳ Learning Institutes :-

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- These are socializing agencies which provide learning to people.
- Among them The Family, The school and The Community are important.

① The Family :-

② Peers or Age mates :-

③ Social Institutions :-

④ Literature and Mass Media Communication

⑤ The community.

↳ Function of socialization

- (i) It convert a person from biological being to social being.
- (ii) It contributes in personality development.
- (iii) It helps to become disciplined.
- (iv) It helps to perform different roles.
- (v) It establishes knowledge and skills.
- (vi) It contributes in stability of social order.
- (vii) It transmits culture from one generation to another.
- (viii) It create right aspiration in social life.