Glossary

**Abrahamic Religions**
religions which trace their religious ancestry back through "Father" Abraham.

**Absolute Poverty**
the level of poverty where individuals and families cannot sustain food, shelter, warmth, and safety needs.

**Absolutist perspective**
claims that deviance resides in the very nature of an act and is wrong at all times and in all places

**Abstract Ideals**
religions that focus on sacred principles and thoughts which guide our lives and typically have no divine beings in charge of the world and universe. Buddhism is an example of an abstract ideal religion.

**Acculturation**
the process by which immigrant people adjust and adapt their way of life to the host culture.

**Achieved Status**
is attained through one's choices and efforts (college student, movie star, teacher, or athlete)

**Acting Crowds**
are crowds which are emotionally charged against an event or goal. Some become mobs, but not all of them

**Active bigots**
are both prejudiced and they discriminate

**Activity Theory**
claims that the elderly benefit from high levels of activities, especially meaningful activities that help to replace lost life roles after retirement.

**Adult socialization**
occurs as we assume adult roles such as wife/husband/employee/etc.
Ageism
is the prejudice and discrimination against a person based on his/her chronological age.

Agency’s
represents the organizations involved in our socialization

Agenda setting
is the processes of selecting and screening topics which will be presented to the general public

Agents
people who use their agency to make choices based on their varied motivations

Aggregate
is a number of people in the same place at the same time. So people in the same movie theater, people at the same bus stop, and even people at a university football game are considered in aggregates, not groups.

Agricultural Societies
utilize advanced technologies to support crops and livestock (plow) and in Western societies became the mainstay which enabled the Industrial Revolution to transpire by feeding society's members.

Agricultural Surplus Theory
claims that as farming skills increased, a surplus of basic foodstuffs existed. The surplus freed certain people from having to produce their own food and let them develop other occupations

Alienation
the resulting influence of industrialization on society's members where they feel disconnected and powerless in the final direction of their destinies. To Marx, the social systems people created in turn controlled the pattern of their social life.

All-weather liberal
is neither prejudiced nor does he/she discriminate

Altruistic Suicide
suicide which occurs when people are over involved and overcommitted to a group or society as a whole. This occurs when the needs of society as a whole override the needs of the individual. Soldiers often do this to protect their comrades.

An Expressive Crowd
a crowd gathered to gather to express an emotion (IE: Woodstock; the Million Man March; or the 9-11 Memorial Services)

Anger-Excitation Rapist
is the least common type, yet the most evil; he will torture, kidnap, and even kill his victim out of pleasure-seeking at the cost of another's pain; he is sadistic and predatory; and he uses his intelligence to plot and prey upon unsuspecting victims

Anger-Retaliatory Rapist
has plenty of self-confidence (perhaps to the point of too much); he tends to demean, degrade, humiliate, and punish his victim for things she did not do (for example his bad day at work might be taken out on her); and he tends to be brutal, blitzing his victims so that they offer little resistance

Animism
no gods, focuses on good or evil spirits which inhabit animals, rocks and /or people and animals
Anomic Suicide

suicide which occurs when people are under-regulated by familiar norms that serve as anchors to their social reality.
You'd expect this type of suicide in very large cities or when dramatic social changes have transpired (IE: 9-11 terrorist attacks or recent economic recessions).

Anomie

is a state of social normlessness which occurs when our lives or society has vague norms

Anomie

a state of relative normlessness that comes from the disintegration of our routines and regulations. Anomie is common when we go through sudden changes in our lives or when we live in larger cities.

Anticipatory socialization

is practice in advance for some future role.

Antinatalist

a perspective which opposes childbearing

Apartheid

South African formalized separateness between Blacks and Whites, mandating White supremacy and privileged treatment between 1948 and 1990

Ascribed Status

is present at birth(race, sex, or class)

Assimilation

is the process by which people from different cultures are acculturated and ultimately absorbed into the mainstream culture

Associates

2-year degree

Attachments

strong social mutual bonds that encourage society's members to conform

Authority

is the institutionalized legitimate power.

B

Baby Boomers

Born between 1946-1964

Bachelor’s

4-year degree

Belief

strong understanding in values of conventional morality promote conformity

Bereavement

the circumstances and conditions that accompany grief.
Biological Needs
innate urges that require some action on our part if we are to survive

Blended Family
is the family created by remarriage including step siblings and parents. Today, very few families are multiple generational beyond parents and their children.

Bourgeoisie
wealthy elite (royalty, political, and corporate leaders) have the most power. Bourgeoisie are the "Goliaths" in society who often bully their wishes into outcomes.

Breadwinner
is a parent or spouse who earns wages outside of the home and uses them to support the family.

Bureaucratic Ritualism
the habit of following the rules and procedures and forgetting the main purpose of the bureaucracy's mission

Calculative Trust
trust based on performance and competence (instrumental relationships)

Capitalism
an economy based on the amount of goods and services produced in a free trade setting

Categorical Thinking
the human cognitive process of storing and retrieving information in sections of our memory that are highly associated with one another

Category
is a number of people who share common characteristics.

Causation
means that a change in one variable leads to or cause a change in another variable, or XYZ chewing gum causes less Herpes outbreaks.

Census Enumeration
the formal counting of a population by its government.

Centenarian
a living person who has had their 100 birthday

Central Place Theory
claims that farmers needed a central place to trade or sell their surplus and cities developed in those central places

Certificate
1-year past high school

Charisma
means having outstanding personality which magnetically attracts others to you

Chicago School
a center for sociological research that focuses on urban and ecological sociological issues.

Church
is a sect that has gained numerous followers and has become highly bureaucratized.
Closed Caste System
is an economic system that allows no mobility between caste levels, you are born into the caste you stay in your entire life, and you can’t have social relations between the castes.

Closed Survey Questions
are questions designed to get respondents to choose from a list of responses you provide to them (IE: About how many college football games have you ever attended? __1 __2 __3 __4 __5 __6 __7 __8 __9 __10+).

Coercive Organizations
people typically are forced into these against their will (prison)

Cohort
a group of people who share a statistical or demographic trait such as those born between 1946-1964.

Collective Behavior
unusual or non-routine behaviors that large numbers of people participate in. There are a variety of types of collective behaviors

Commitment
the stronger our loyalty to legitimate opportunity, the greater the advantages of conforming

Communism
is an extreme socialistic economy with extreme governmental management of goods and services along with management of public and private ideologies

Competition Origin of Prejudice
prejudice occurs when members of one group feel threatened and or deprived by members of another group for limited resources

Comte's Definition of Sociology
the science of society. In his observation Comte believed that society’s knowledge passed through 3 stages which he observed in France.

Concentric Zone Theory
claims that cities grow like the rings of a tree starting in the center and growing outward

Conflict theory
claims that society is in a state of perpetual conflict and competition for limited resources.

Conformity
adherence to the normative and legal standards of a group society. An example might be the clothes you wore to class today-legal and normal

Conservative Movement
seeks to uphold the values and institutions of society and generally resist attempts to alter them

Content Analysis
the counting and tabulating of words, sentences, and themes from written, audio, video, and other forms of communication

Content Analysis
when the researcher systematically and quantitatively describes the contents of some form of media.

Continuity Theory
claims that older adults maintain patterns in their later years which they had in their younger years.
Convenience Sample
a portion of the population that is NOT scientifically drawn, but is collected because they are easy to access

Conventional Crowd
a crowd which gathers for a typical event that is more routine in nature (IE: Moody Blues concert, Super Bowl Game, or Midsummer’s Night Dream play)

Convergence Theory
claims that motivations are not born in the crowd but develop in individuals who carry them to the crowd

Cooption
the absorption of new (threatening) ideas and people into the policy making structure

Cosmopolites
are intellectuals, professional, and artists who are attracted to the city because of opportunities and community that are found there

Counterculture
occurs when a group’s values, norm, and beliefs are in conflict or opposition to those of the larger society and mainstream culture.

Credentialed Societies
are societies which use diplomas or degrees to determine who is eligible for a job.

Crime
is behavior which violates laws and to which governments can apply negative sanctions

Cross-Sectional Survey
is a survey given once to a group of people.

Crowds
are large numbers of people in the same space at the same time

Crude Birth Rate
the numbers of births per 1,000 population in a given year.

Crude Birth Rate
is the number of live births per 1,000 people living in the population

Crude Death Rate
the number of deaths in a given population per 1,000 people living in that population

Cult
a newer religion with few followers whose teachings are perceived to be at odds with the dominant culture and religion

Cultivation Theory
which claims that the types of TV viewing we watch accumulate within us and impact our world view

Cultural diffusion
is when certain aspects of one culture are spread to another culture

Cultural lag
is the process whereby one part of culture changes faster than another part to which it is related.
Cultural leveling is the process in which cultures of the world become similar.

Cultural Relativism is the tendency to look for the cultural context in which differences in cultures occur.

Cultural Universals are certain aspects of cultures which are found among peoples of all cultures throughout the world.

Cultural acculturation into the host culture

Culture shock is the disoriented feeling which occurs in the context of being in a new culture.

Culture is the shared values, norms, symbols, language, objects, and way of life that is passed on from one generation to the next.

Deaf Culture is the culture of those who were born deaf, raised using ASL to communicate, and/or educated as adults to serve as interpreters for the Native Deaf.

De Facto discrimination is the actual experience of members of society with discrimination.

De Jure discrimination is legal discrimination which is typically built into the social structure.

Death the termination of the body, its systems, and brain activity in an irreversible way.

Demand is the desire in the marketplace for goods and services.

Democratic Socialism is an economic system based on the merger of capitalism and socialism that often is accompanied by vague boundaries between governmental management of goods and services and diminished "hands-off" governmental involvement in the individual pursuit of economic stability.

Demographic Questions are questions which provide the basic categorical information about your respondent including: age, sex, race, education level, marital status, birth date, birth place, income, etc.

Demographic Transition Theory claims that populations go through 3 distinct stages that correspond to the onset of the Industrial Revolution with changes in birth and death rates.

Demography is the scientific study of population growth and change.

Dependent Variables are variables that change in response to the influence of independent variables.
**Deprivation Theory**
claims that people feel relatively deprived in comparison to some other group or institution and use the social movement to equalize things.

**Deprived and Trapped**
are the very poor, disabled, or emotionally disturbed who are often victims of other city dwellers.

**Deviance**
is a violation of norms or rules of behavior that are typically outside of the norms.

**Differential Association**
the process of learning deviance from others in your close relationships who provide role models of and opportunities for deviance. There’s a useful formula to remember:

**Definitions favorable to breaking law**
Definitions unfavorable to breaking law

**Direct correlation**
means that the variables change in the same direction (IE: the more education you have the more money you make).

**Discrimination**
behavioral

**Discrimination**
behaviors which result in the unfair or unequal treatment of others. Discrimination is an action (not just a feeling or thought).

**Disengagement Theory**
claims that as elderly people realize the inevitability of death and begin to systematically disengage from their previous youthful roles, society simultaneously prepares the pre-elderly and elderly to disengage from their roles.

**Divorce**
the legal dissolution of a marriage

**Doctorate**
another 4-6 years past Bachelor's degree

**Dominant group**
is the group within a social system which has more power, control, and wealth

**Doubling Time**
the time required for a population to double if the current growth rate continues. To calculate the doubling time you simply divide 70 by the current growth rate of the country and that yields the number of years required for the double

**Downward Mobility**
moving from a higher to a lower class.

**Dr. Elisabeth KŸbler-Ross Stages of Grief: denial**
"All is fine or it didn't happen"; anger "why me? Or I hate God for this;" bargaining I be a better person if you (God) will just let him live;" depression "all is lost or why try?;" and acceptance "we'll be okay or we can get through this together"

**Dyads**
are a group of two people
Dysfunctions
breakdowns or disruptions in society and its parts, which threaten social stability.

E

Ecclesia
are religious organizations which have grown to be large and are integrated with government and other social institutions.

Economy
is a system of producing and distributing goods and services and can be local, state, national, international, and global.

Educational Achievement
refers to how much the student has learned in terms of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Educational Attainment
number of years of school completed.

Egalitarian Families
ones with power and authority more fairly distributed between husband and wife.

Egoistic Suicide
suicide which occurs when people are under-involved or under-committed to groups. This is the loner-type suicide when an individual is disconnected (or never connected) to others.

Elite Crime
Crimes of insider nature that typically are difficult to punish and have broad social consequences upon the masses.

Emergent Norm Theory
claims that as crowds form and people interact, new norms develop in the crowd and facilitate certain actions.

Emigration
is the departure from your country of origin to reside in another.

Epidemiology
the scientific study of diseases, their transmission, and their management.

Equilibrium
is the state of balance maintained by social processes that help society adjust and compensate for forces that might tilt it onto a path of destruction.

Equity
a sense that the interactions are fair to us and fair to others involved by the consequences of our choices.

Ethnic group
consist of people who share a common orientation toward the world, who develop a sense of peoplehood, and who are perceived by others as having a distinctive culture.

Ethnic Villagers
are city dwellers who group together with others of the same ethnic background and set up miniature enclaves.
Ethnocentrism  
is the tendency to judge others based on our own experiences.

Experiments  
are studies in which researchers can observe phenomena while holding other variables constant or controlling them

Expressive Movement  
seeks to allow for expression of personal concerns and beliefs. Punk, Goths, and Emos are examples of this type

Expressive Tasks  
pertain to the creation and maintenance of a set of positive, supportive, emotional relationships within the family unit.

Extended Family  
are one's relatives beyond nuclear and blended family levels (IE Cousins, aunts & uncles, Grand and great grandparents)

Extreme value  
the especially low or high number in the series

Exurbanization  
where upper class city dwellers moved out of the city beyond the suburbs and lived in high-end housing in the countryside

F

Fad  
is a novel form of behavior that catches on in popularity but later fades

Fair-weather liberal  
are not prejudiced but do discriminate. These people tend to be those who go along with the crowd or obey orders

False Consciousness  
when members of groups which are relatively powerless in society accept beliefs that work against their self-interests

False Social Conscious  
is an ignorance of social facts and the larger social picture

Fatalistic Suicide  
suicide which occurs when people are over regulated or over-constrained. This might happen in oppressive societies where people prefer to die rather than continue under the hopeless state of oppression (IE: prisoners of war, inmates, and refugees).

FBI's hate crime perpetrators: Hard-core offenders  
extremely violent and aggressive (typically a Hate Group Member)

FBI's hate crime perpetrators: Reactive Offender  
grounds his attack on a perceived transgression, such as an insult, interracial dating, or a neighborhood integration

FBI's hate crime perpetrators: Thrill Seekers  
tends to commit hate crimes with peer group members but does not belong to hate group

Fecundity  
the physiological ability to conceive or give birth to children.
Female Genital Mutilation
the traditional cutting, circumcision, and removal of most or all external genitalia of women for the end result of closing off some or part of the vagina until such time that the woman is married and cut open.

Feral Children
are wild or untamed children who grow up without typical adult socialization influences

Fertility
is a measure of the number of children born to a woman.

Field Experiments
studies which utilize experimental design but are initiated in everyday settings and non-laboratory environments. For example, a sociologist might manipulate the levels of lighting to study how factory work performance is impacted (Google Hawthorn Effect). A few other methods are sometimes used by Sociologists.

Filial piety
is the value, respect, and reverence of one’s elderly which is often accompanied by caregiving and support of the elderly

Filtering
is the process of eliminating potential mates from the pool of eligible’s in the market place.

First Standard Deviation
the area in the distribution where about two-thirds of the scores fall (1/3 above and 1/3 below the mean)

Folkway
is a traditional or customary norm governing everyday social behaviors.

Forced assimilation
is where those in power in the mainstream refuse to allow immigrants to maintain their various cultures.

Formatting
is the design and construction of the news story

Framing
involves placing the news story into a preexisting frame of reference for the public, so that they understanding it as journalists would have it be understood.

Functionalism
claims that society is in a state of balance and kept that way through the function of society's component parts.

G

Gemeinschaft (Guh-mine-shoft)
means "intimate community"

Gender Roles
socialized expectations of what is normal, desirable, acceptable, and conforming for males and females in specific jobs or positions in groups and organizations over the life course

Gender Socialization
is the shaping of individual behavior and perceptions in such a way that the individual conforms to the socially prescribed expectations for males and females

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<td>means that the results from the sample can be assumed to apply to the population with confidence (as though the population itself had been studied).</td>
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<td>are classes of people with whom a person interacts on the basis of generalized roles rather than individualized characteristics.</td>
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Hate Crimes
are perpetrated by individuals who attack others based on their own intense feelings of bias and bigotry.

Heritability
is the proportion of our personality, self, and biological traits which stem from our genetic or socialization environmental factors.

Heterogamy
is the tendency to pair off with another person who is different in some ways from us.

Hijab
the Arabic word that means to cover or veil has become more common ( _i_j_b or _____).

Homemaker
is typically a women who occupies her life with mothering, housekeeping, and being a wife while depending heavily on the breadwinner.

Homogamy
the tendency to pair off with another person who is similar to us. Most people are attracted to people of about the same beauty, about the same economic status, about the same value system, and often about the same cultural background.

Homosexuality
sexual preference for person of same sex.

Horizontal Mobility
remaining in the same class.

Horticultural and Pastoral Societies
characterized by domestication of animals and the use of hand tools to cultivate plants developed and have also endured for centuries.

Human Ecology
studies the form, structure, and development of the community in human populations.

Hunting and Gathering Societies
those whose economies which are based on hunting animals and gathering vegetation were very common throughout the history of the world.

Ideal Type
the abstract description of a social phenomena by which actual social phenomena may be compared (You’ll see an ideal type in Chapter 9 on caste versus class economic systems).

Ideological racism
is an ideology that considers a group’s physical characteristics to be causally related to inferiority or superiority.

Immigration
the arrival of a foreigner into a country they will reside in and likely become a citizen of on some future date.

In general Agents
people involved in our socialization.
Independent Variables
survey variables that when manipulated will stimulate a change upon the dependent variables

Indian Religions
which originated from the Sub-Asian continent of India.

Industrial Revolution
a technological development of knowledge and manufacturing that began in the late 1600s and continued until the early 1900s.

Industrial Societies
utilize machinery and energy sources (steam engine) rather than humans and animals for production

Infant Mortality Rate
the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The CDR and IMR vary greatly between countries and regions

Instrumental Tasks
goal directed activities which link the family to the surrounding society, geared toward obtaining resources. This includes economic work, breadwinning, and other resource-based efforts.

Interdependence
the dependence on others for support in order to be able to succeed. This principle works just the opposite of competition

Inter-generational Mobility
research of mobility between generations (IE: grandparents to parents to grandchildren to great-grandchildren).

Intimacy
the social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and physical trust that is mutually shared between family members. Family members share confidences, advice, trust, secrets, and ongoing mutual concern

Intra-generational Mobility
research of mobility within a generation.

Inverse correlation
means that the variables change in opposite directions (IE: the more education you have the less criminal activity you get caught doing).

Involvement
the more a person participates in legitimate activities, the greater the inhibition towards deviance

J-K-L

Labeling theory
claims that the labels people are given affect their perceptions and channel their behaviors into deviance or conformity.

Language
is a complex set of symbols which allow us to communicate verbally, nonverbally, and in written form

Larger Social Issues
lies beyond one’s personal control and the range of one’s inner life. These pertain to society’s organization and processes
Latent functions are the less apparent, unintended, and often unrecognized functions in social institutions and processes.

Laws are codified norms or norms written and recorded from which the behavior of society's members can be judged.

Le Bon's Contagion Theory claimed that in a crowd people get caught up in the collective mind of the crowd and evade personal responsibility for their actions.

Less Developed Nations are nations located near to or south of the Equator which have less wealth and more of the world's population of inhabitants including: Africa, India, Central and South America, most island nations, and most of Asia (Excluding China).

Life Chances is an individual's access to basic opportunities and resources in the marketplace.

Life course is an ideal sequence of events and positions the average person is expected to experience as he/she matures and moves through life.

Life expectancy is the average number of years a person born today may expect to live.

Likert Scale Questions are the most common response scale used in surveys and questionnaires. These questions are statements which respondents are asked to agree or disagree with (IE: Our campus would be deeply hurt by a football team). The respondents choose from the scale below for their answer:

Longitudinal Survey is a survey given to the same people more than once and typically over a set of years or decades.

Looking-Glass Self is the reflection of who we think we see by observing the treatment and behaviors of others towards us. Three steps: 1. We imagine how we appear to others; 2. We imagine and interpret their judgment of us; and 3. We react positively or negatively to that perceived judgment while developing a self-concept.

1. Conformity people live with what they have and get by (they accept and pursue their goals with socially accepted means-Average US Citizen)

2. Innovation people commit crime to attain their goals (they accept and pursue their goals by replacing legitimate with deviant/criminal means to attain them-Criminals)

3. Judgement We react positively or negatively to that perceived judgment while developing a self-concept.
4. Ritualism
   people try but fail and lower their goals (they appear to pursue goals but confuse means and goal-Someone who focuses on following rules, fitting in, or conforming instead of attaining the dream)

5. Retreatism
   people withdraw and reject most of the goals (they reject and don't pursue their goals-Street people, bag ladies, and hoboes)

6. Rebellion
   people reject both the goals and the means to attain them (They reject socially approved goals and replace with deviant goals-Terrorists and freedom fighters) Methods typically include: experiments, participant observations, non-participant observations, surveys, and secondary analysis.

Macro Theories
   are theories which best fit the study of massive numbers of people (typically Conflict and Functional theories).

Macro theory
   a sociological theory designed to study the larger social, global, and societal level of sociological phenomena.

Main Stream Culture
   the culture shared by the dominant groups, coinciding with the culture shared in the main social institutions (government, education, religion, family, technology, media, and the economy).

Male Bashing
   is the verbal abuse and use of pejorative and derogatory language about men.

Male Supremacy Model
   where males erroneously believe that men are superior in all aspects of life and that should excel in everything they do.

Manifest functions
   are the apparent and intended functions of institutions in society

Margaret Mead's Mundugamor
   both men and women were: insensitive, uncooperative, and very aggressive. These were typical masculine traits at the time.

Margaret Mead's Tchambuli
   women were aggressive, rational and capable and were also socially dominant. Men were passive assuming artistic and leisure roles.

Margaret Mead's Arapesh
   both men and women displayed what we typically call feminine traits: sensitivity, cooperation, and low levels of aggression

Marginalization
   the purposeful mistreatment of minority group members that yields them geographically part of the society while simultaneously being functionally left out of most of its opportunities

Marginalization
   the tendency for adult immigrants to be rendered powerless in comparison to native-born adults because they live as a half citizen not fully capable of realizing the individual opportunities often found available to average native-born adults
Marital Entropy
the principle that if a marriage does not receive preventative maintenance and upgrades it will move towards decay and break down

Marital
vast intermarriage between mainstream members and newcomers;

Marriage Squeeze
a shortage of males or females in the marriage market

Mass Media
are channels of communication in a mass society, especially electronic and print media.

Mass
is a large number of people oriented toward a set of shared symbols or social objects (media)

Master Status
a social position that is so intense it becomes the primary characteristic of the individual (ex-con, gang banger, etc.). Understanding how powerful a master status can be as a labeling influence helps to understand why so many criminal reoffend and end up incarcerated again.

Recidivism
being arrested again after having served a sentence for another crime. Recidivism rates indicate that the majority of US prisoners have been in prison before (perhaps 60-80% depending on the studies and how they were taken).

Master Status
a status which stands out above our other statuses and which distracts others from really seeing who we are.

Masters
another 2-year degree past Bachelor’s

Maternal Death
the death of a pregnant woman resulting from pregnancy, delivery, or recovery complications

Matriarchal Families
are families where females have more power and authority than males and rights and inheritances pass from mothers to daughter and sons.

Mean World Syndrome
the tendency to view society as being meaner and more violent than it really is because of the violent and harsh TV shows one has watched over the years

Mean
the arithmetic score of all the numbers divided by the total number of students

Mechanical Solidarity
is a shared conscious among society’s members who each has a similar form of livelihood.

Median
the exact mid-point value in the ranked list of scores

Megachurches
modern churches attended by thousands of followers in person and even many thousands more via television or the Internet
Megalopolis
which is an overspill of one urban area into another often where many small towns grow into one huge urban area connected by a major transportation corridor

Melting Pot Theory
an ideology which suggested that all the diverse people coming to the U.S. as immigrants would blend biologically and culturally in order to form a new unique breed of "Americans."

Men's Movement
a broad effort across societies and the world to improve the quality of life and family-related rights of men. In the past two decades a social movement referred to as The Men's Movement has emerged.

Merton's Adaptations
Merton's goal means gap ways people respond:

Messianic Movements
seek to bring about social change with the promise of miraculous intervention. Almost always these movements are led by a rather charismatic leader and followed by people inclined to need or want to be a part of something exceptional in their lives

Metropolitan Areas
large population concentration in a city which has the influence of the city's various zones. Each city has a number of zones of influence within its boundaries

Metropolitan Statistical Area
includes one or more adjacent counties that has at least one 50,000 populated urban center that influences the economic, transportation and social connection of the area

Micro Theories
are theories which best fit the study of small groups and their members (typically Symbolic Interactionism or Social Exchange theories).

Micropolitan
an urban area with 10,000-49,000 inhabitants

Middle-old
75-84 years

Middle-Range Theory
a theory derived from specific scientific findings and focuses on the interrelation of two or more concepts applied to a very specific social process or problem.

Minority group
is a group living within a society which is disadvantaged in terms of power, control of their own lives, and wealth.

Misogyny
the physical or verbal abuse and mistreatment of women.

Mode
the number which occurs the most in a list of

Modernization Theory
claims that industrialization and modernization have lowered the power and influence which the elderly once had which has lead to much exclusion of elderly from community roles.

Monogamy
is the marriage form permitting only one spouse.
More Developed Nations
nations with comparably higher wealth than most countries of the world including: Western Europe; Canada, United States, Japan, and Australia

MorŽs
are deeply held, informal norms that are strictly enforced.

Multiple Nuclei Theory
which claims that cities have multiple centers (Nuclei) that yield influence on the growth and nature of an urban area

N

Natural Increase
(Births-Deaths) or all births minus all the deaths in a given population over a given time period

Nature versus Nurture
the debate over the influence of biological versus social influences in socialization.

Near Poverty
is when one earns up to 25% above the poverty line. We would say that a person near poverty has an income below 125% of the current poverty line.

Negative sanctions
a punishment or negative reaction toward breaking codified norms-laws. Jail time, criminal record, fines, and penalties are just of few of the sanctions available to law breakers

Negative sanctions
a punishment or negative reaction toward deviance

Neo-Malthusian
an antinatalist who agrees with Malthus, but reject his conservative and religious proscriptions

Net Migration
((In-Migration)-(Out Migration)) or all the in-migration minus all the out-migration in a given population over a given time period.

Nominal Data
data which has no standard numerical values. This is often referred to as categorical data (IE: what is your favorite type of pet? Reptile Canine Feline Bird Other).

Norm
set of expected behaviors for a given role and social status

Normative Organizations
people join these because they perceive their goals as being socially or morally worthwhile (IE: Greenpeace);

Normative perspective
claims that deviance is only a violation of a specific group's or society's rules at a specific point in time

Normative Trust
trust based on a sense of belonging and feelings (families and communities)
Norms
are shared expectations or rules of behavior

Nuclear Family
is a family group consisting of mother & father and their children.

Objective Method
where researchers set up categories and rank people according to preset objective criteria (such as median household income).

Objectivity
is the ability to study and observe without distortion or bias, especially personal bias. Bias-free research is an ideal that, if not present will open the door to extreme misinterpretation of research findings.

Oil and Water Idea About Rape
we must resist the tendency to imply blame by questioning how effectively a woman went about defending herself from a possible rape while simultaneously remembering that it is always the rapist fault.

Old-old
85+ years.

One drop theory
claims that if there is one drop of another race's blood (mostly targeted toward Black blood) then you are tainted by it.

Open Class System
an economic system that has upward mobility, is achievement-based, and allows social relations between the classes. India has a closed caste system.

Open Survey Questions
are questions designed to get respondents to answer in their own words (IE: "what might be the benefits of having a football team?" _______ or "what might be a negative consequence of having a football team?" _______).

Ordinal Data
rank ordered data which has standard numerical values. This is often referred to as numerical data.

Organic Solidarity
is a sense of interdependence on the specializations of occupations in modern society.

Organized crime
crime perpetrated by covert organizations which are extremely secretive and organized, devoted to criminal activity.

Panic
occurs when crowds or masses react suddenly to perceived entrapment, exclusion, or danger.

Participant Observation
a research method where the researcher participates in activities and more or less assumes membership in the
group she studies.

**Patriarchal Families**
are families where males have more power and authority than females and where rights and inheritances typically pass from fathers to sons.

**Permissible assimilation**
permits newcomers to adapt to the mainstream culture naturally.

**Perpetual Discontent**
is a two-pronged advertising theme which emphasizes: 1) how broken and flawed we are and 2) how we can buy hope in the form of a product being sold.

**Personal Troubles**
are private problems experienced within the character of the individual and the range of their immediate relation to others.

**Phrenology**
an outdated scientific approach of studying the shape and characteristics of the skull.

**Pluralism**
which claims that power is diffused among many diverse interests groups and that in fact not all wealthy elite people unite on the same side of most issues.

**Pluralistic theory of social control**
claims that society is made up of many competing groups whose diverse interests are continuously balanced.

**Polls**
are typically surveys which collect opinions (such as who one might vote for in an election, how one feels about the outcome of a controversial issue, or how one evaluates a public official or organization.

**Population Change**
(Births-Deaths) +/- ((In-Migration)-(Out Migration)). Population Change is then added to a previous year's population to yield new population estimate.

**Polyandry**
is marriage form permitting more than one husband at the same time.

**Polygamy**
is marriage form permitting more than one spouse at the same time.

**Polygyny**
is marriage form permitting more than one wife at the same time and is the most common form of polygamy in the world's history.

**Polytheistic**
religions with multiple Gods such as Hinduism.

**Population Density**
the number of people per square mile or square kilometer.

**Population Pyramid**
the graphic representation of specified 5-year age groups within a population and by being males or females.
Population
the entire membership of a country, organization, group, or category of people to be surveyed

Positive sanction
rewards for conforming behavior

Positivism
the objective and value-free observation, comparison, and experimentation applied to scientific inquiry.

Positivism
the scientific-based sociological research that uses scientific tools such as survey, sampling, objective measurement, and cultural and historical analysis to study and understand society

Postindustrial Societies
societal production based on creating, processing, and storing information.

Poverty Line
the official measure of those whose incomes are less than three times a lower cost food budget.

Power
is the ability to get what one wants even in the presence of opposition.

Power
the ability to get one's way even in the face of opposition to one's goals.

Power Elite
the political, corporate, and military leaders of a society are uniquely positioned to commit elite crime

Power-Assertive Rapist
has a very low self-concept; he attempts to reassure himself on his manhood; and uses very little force or violence

Power-Reassurance Rapists
is the most common type of rapist; he uses little to no violence; has a very weak sense of self and of lacking "manliness;" and rape is his outlet of power, domination, anger, and control

Prejudice
attitudinal

Prescriptive laws
laws that state what must be done

Prestige
is the degree of social honor attached with your position in society.

Primary Deviance
when an individual violates a norm, becomes identified by others as being deviant while maintaining a self-definition of being a conformist

Primary Groups
tend to be smaller, less formal, and more intimate (Families and friends)

Primary Sector
part of economic production involving agriculture, mining, fishing, and materials acquisition
**Primary socialization**
includes all the ways the newborn is molded into a social being capable of interacting in and meeting the expectations of society.

**Profane**
that which is part of the regular everyday life experience.

**Proletariat**
are the common working class, lower class, and poor members of society.

**Pronatalist**
a perspective which promotes birth and increased population

**Propinquity**
the geographic proximity of two potential mates to one another.

**Property**
all the wealth, investments, deeded and titled properties, and other tangible sources of income.

**Proscriptive laws**
laws which state what is forbidden

**Pull Factors**
are positive aspects of another place which draw you to migrate to it

**Push Factors**
are negative aspects of where you live which make you consider leaving

**Racial group**
is a group of people with perceived unique biological and physical characteristics

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**Q-R**

**Random Sample**
a portion of the population that is drawn in such a way that every member of the population has an equal chance of being selected for the survey

**Reactionary Movement**
seeks to return the institutions and values of the past by doing away with existing ones

**Reactive perspective**
claims that behavior does not become deviant unless it is disapproved of by those in authority (laws)

**Reformist Movement**
seeks partial changes in only a few institutions on behalf of interest groups.

**Relative Deprivation**
the perception of not being the rightful beneficiary of something a person feels entitled to receive

**Reliable Survey Questions**
are survey questions that are relatively free from bias errors which might taint the findings. In other words, reliable survey questions are consistent.
Religion
is a unified system of beliefs, rituals, and practices that typically involve a broader community of believers who share common definitions of the sacred and the profane.

Religiosity
the measurable importance of religion to a person's life.

Representative Sample
is a sample drawn from the population, the composition of which very much resembles that of the population

Reputational Method
is where researchers look to people who know the individual and subjectively report on his/her class.

Resource Mobilization Theory
a social movement succeeds or fails based on people's ability to gather and organize resources

Response Rate
is the percentage of the original sample who successfully completed the survey.

Revolutionary Movement
seeks to overthrow existing institutions and class systems while replacing them with new ones

Riots
a collection of large numbers of people who act violently in protest against some authority or action of others (typically governmental or corporate authority)

Role Conflict
conflict and burdens one feels because the expectations of one role compete with the expectations of another role

Role Strain
is the burden one feels within any given role. And when one role comes into direct conflict another or other roles you might experience

Rural
the geographic territory in the less populated regions of a society

Sacred
supernatural, divine, awe inspiring, and spiritually significant aspects of our existence.

Sample Size
is the number of respondents who are designated to take the survey

Sample
some portion of the population but not all of it

Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis
claims that when we learn a language, we also learn a framework for understanding and interpreting our social reality and environment.

Second Standard Deviation
has the next 28 percent of the scores (13.6% above and 13.6% below)
Secondary Analysis
the analysis of data that have already been gathered by others.

Secondary Deviance
when the individual internalizes the deviant identity others have placed upon him/her

Secondary Groups
tend to be larger, more formal, and much less personal (you and your doctor, mechanic, or accountant).

Secondary Sector
part of the economic production involving manufacturing (factories and home-based)

Secondary socialization
occurs in later childhood and adolescence when children go to school and come under the influence of non-family members

Sect
is a group larger than a cult but still perceived as being weird and is often treated with hostility by non-sect members. A sect is relatively small by comparison to an established church.

Sector Theory
claims that cities grow in pie wedge shapes as the city

Secularization
the trend toward worldly concerns and away from concerns for the religiously sacred in the lives of society's members

Self-esteem
pride in oneself, a positive self-regard, an inordinately high positive self-regard, or a high self-respect

Sequencing
ordering news stories in such a way as to present a thematic message.

Serial Monogamy or Serial Polygamy
the process of establishing intimate marriage or cohabiting relationships that eventually dissolve and are followed by another intimate marriage or cohabiting relationships that eventually dissolve, etc. in a series.

Sex ratio
number of males per 100 females.

Sex Ratio
the number of males per 100 females in a given population.

Sex
is one's biological classification as male or female and is set into motion at the moment the sperm fertilizes the egg

Sexual assault
can be defined as any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient of the unwanted sexual activity. Falling under the definition of sexual assault is sexual activity such as forced sexual intercourse, sodomy, child molestation, incest, fondling, and attempted rape. Some more specific examples of sexual assault include

Sexual Objectification of Women
where men learn to view women as objects of sexual consumption rather than as a whole person.
Simple Supernaturalism
no gods, focuses on human & non-human supernatural forces which influences us for better or worse.

SMART Paradigm
Smart stands for: Samples; Methods; Attitude of skepticism; Researcher bias; Thorough understanding of literature

Social Cohesion
is the degree to which members of a group or a society feel united by shared values and other social bonds.

Social Construction of Reality
what people define as real because of their background assumptions and life experiences with others

Social control
formal and informal attempts at enforcing norms

Social Dynamics
study of social structure and how it influences social change.

Social Exchange
claims that society is composed of ever present interactions among individuals who attempt to maximize rewards while minimizing costs (REWARDS-COSTS)

Social Facts
phenomena within society that typically exists independent of individual choices and actions

Social Gerontology
is the sociological subfield of gerontology which focuses on the nonphysical and social aspects of aging.

Social Integration
the degree to which people are connected to their social groups. Let's check your own personal degree of social integration.

Social Learning
is an approach that studies how people learn behaviors through interactions with others.

Social Mobility
the movement between economic strata in a society's system.

Social Movements
are intentional efforts by groups in a society to create new institutions or reform existing ones

Social order
are the customary and typical social arrangements which society's members use to base their daily lives on.

Social Statics
study of social structure and how it influences social stability

Social Stratification
is the socio-economic layering of society's members according to property, power, and prestige.

Social Structure Origin of Prejudice
occurs when prejudice is built into the group, community, and social institutional components of society

Social Structure
refers to the recurring patterns of behavior in society which people create through their interactions and relationships
Socialism
is an economy based on governmental management and control of goods and services

Socialization of prejudice
learning prejudice from people we look up to (family, relatives, teachers, etc...)

Socialization
is the process by which people learn characteristics of their group's norms, values, attitudes, and behaviors

Society
is a population of people which shares the same geographic territory and culture.

Sociobiology
claims that human behavior is the result of natural selection.

Socio-Economic Status (SES)
is a combination of one's education, occupation, and income and has been found to be highly correlated with a better quality of life for those in society who have higher SES scores

Sociometry
is the study of groups and their structures (Google Jacob L. Moreno for its founder).

Solidaristic crowds
are crowd which gather as an act of social unity. Breast Cancer awareness events are an example of this type crowd

Spurious correlation
an apparent relationship between two variables which indicates their relationship to a third variable and not to each other (IE: the more education you have, the higher your family's standard of living, and the lower your likelihood of participating in criminal activities). In other words there are other correlated factors that influence criminal behavior that simultaneously are at play.

Status
is a socially defined position.

Stereotype
is a broad generalization about groups based solely on the group affiliation

Stereotypes
broad generalizations about a category of people who are assumed to have positive and negative traits common to every single member of that category

Stigma
is an attribute which is deeply discrediting and that reduces the person from a whole and usual person to a tainted or discredited one

Stimulus-Value-Role Theory of Marital Choice
states that as people find someone they are attracted to, they initiate contact, spend time together comparing values and establishing compatibility, and eventually either break things off or make commitments toward marriage or cohabitation

Stratified Random Sample
a portion of the population is drawn in such a way that every member of the population and important sub-categories of the population have an equal chance of being selected for the survey, yielding a sample that is demographically similar to population
Street crimes
are crimes committed by average persons against members, groups, and organizations

Structural Mobility
mobility in social class which is attributable to changes in social structure of a society at the larger social, not personal level.

Structural
large scale entrance into the various parts of the social structure including clubs, religions, workplace, schools, etc...

Structural-Strain Theory
social problems/strains on the current social structure combined with discontent lead to movements

Subculture
is one in which groups which have different folkways, mores, and norms, exist within but are no completely a part of the larger society.

Suburban
smaller cities located on the edges of the larger city which often include residential neighborhoods for those working in the area

Suicide Rates
numbers of suicides per 100,000 people in a population.

Suicide
the purposeful ending of one's own life for any reason.

Supply
is the availability of goods and services in the market place

Surveys
research instruments designed to obtain information from individuals who belong to a larger group, organization, or society

Symbolic Interaction
claims that society is composed of ever present interactions among individuals who share symbols and their meanings.

Taking the role of other
when children put themselves in someone else's shoes, understand how he/she feels, and anticipate how he/she will act

Terrorism
the use of murder and mayhem to create a state of fear which can be used to gain political, religious, or ideological advantage

Tertiary Sector
work which involves providing a service to others such as food, retail, computer processing, or information management
Thanatology is the scientific study of death and dying.

Theistic Religions have divine beings which are Gods. There are three Monotheistic Religions that have one single all powerful God: Islam, Judaism, and Christianity.

Theory is a set of interrelated concepts used to describe, explain, and predict how society and its parts are related to each other.

Third Standard Deviation has the next 4 percent (2.1% above and below); and the Fourth Standard Deviation has the last 0.2 percent (0.1% above and below the mean).

Thomas Theorem is often called the "Definition of the situation" which is basically if people perceive or define something as being real then it is real in its consequences.

Timid bigots are prejudiced but won't discriminate. These people tend to be afraid of acting on their prejudices, not wanting be caught or punished.

Total Fertility Rate is the total number of children ever born to a woman calculated both individually and at the societal level.

Total Institution is an institution that controls almost all aspects of its member's lives and all aspects of the individual life is controlled by those in authority in the institution.

Totalitarian Government is a political system where a small power elite controls virtually every aspect of the personal and larger social levels of society.

Trading Theory claims that the surplus was not as important as were the specialists who knew how to create it and do other occupations.

Transparency is the creation of rules, regulations, and guidelines to be followed by all students, teachers, and parents.

Triads are a group of three people.

True rate is Number of events/ Number at risk of the event.

Uncontacted Tribe is a native tribe, typically a small group of people, living in a remote and isolated place who have not yet had contact with technologically advanced society members.
Unmarried Singles
ages 20-30's persons who enjoy the city-singles scene and will probably move when they get older or marry.

Unwed Mothers
mothers who are not legally married at the time of the child’s birth.

Upward Mobility
moving from a lower to higher class.

Urban
the geographic territory within or close to a city

Urbanization
is the societal trend where the proportion of people living in cities is increasing while the proportion living in the countryside diminishes

Utilitarian Organizations
people typically join because of some tangible benefit which they expect to receive (Girl Scouts, PTA, or a political party).

Valid Survey Questions
are questions that are accurate and measure what they claim they’ll measure

Values
are defined standards of what is good, bad, desirable, or undesirable for ourselves and others

Variables
survey questions that measure some characteristic of the population

Voluntary Organizations
formalized groups of individuals who work toward a common organizational (and often personal) set of goals

White-collar crime
crimes committed by persons of respectable and high social status committed in the course of their occupations

Widowhood
occurs when one’s spouse dies.

Widows
are surviving wives

Widowers
are surviving husbands

World-taken-for-granted
is all of the assumptions about our fit into our social and physical environment.
Young-old
65-74 years

Zero Population Growth
occurs when a population neither shrinks nor expands from year to year.