

3:1 SOCIAL STRUCTURE

A. INTRODUCTION

- **Systematic therefore predictable patterns**
- **Social Structure: “complex cultural code underlying every pattern of human interaction”**

B. ROLE AND STATUS

- 1. Role = set of appropriate behaviors, expected or conventional behavior, culturally acceptable**
- 2. Status = place occupied by a person in a society**
 - a. Ascribed status = involuntary membership**
 - b. Achieved status = voluntary membership**

C. SOCIAL GROUPS

- 1. Category = “collectivity of things, people, or events, the units of which are perceived to share certain attributes”**
- 2. Group = “collectivity of whose members interact for some purpose”**

- **3 Reasons People Live in Groups . . . G/M pg. 179**

a. Types of Groups

- 1) Formal**
- 2) Informal**

b. Kinds of Groups

- 1) primary**
- 2) secondary**

D. GROUP DYNAMICS AND INSTITUTIONS

- Terms . . .

- etic = observers point of view
- emic = participants point of view

1. Group Dynamics = “sets of roles maintained over time apart from the individuals who occupy them”

- a. Membership formal and informal
- b. Boundaries

“A Modern Utopia” by H. G. Wells [stereotyping]

Distinctives:

- 1) Birth and kinship
- 2) Association of people with common interests or characteristics
- 3) Geographic considerations

- c. Social stratification

- d. Social Mobility

- 1) Horizontal
- 2) Vertical

2. Institutions

- a. Institutionalization
- b. Institutions and cultures

E. SUMMARY