

SOCIAL SYSTEM

Definition

- Orderly and systematic arrangement of social interaction
- People interact with each other according to shared cultural norms and meanings.
- Influence each other
- Interaction controlled by social institutions
- Various groups form coherent part of society as whole
- Interaction and interrelationship patterns is social system

Elements of social system

- Belief and knowledge
- Sentiment
- Goal and objective
- Norms
- Status
- Role
- Rank
- Power
- Sanction
- Facility

Characteristics of social system

- Made by number of individuals
- Meaningful interaction
- Unity – systems arranged in integrated manner
- Related on basis of functional relationship
- Changes with time
- Self adjustment
- System of interdependent action consists of mechanisms of socialisation and social control

Prerequisites of Social system

- Biological – family size
- Functional – Obedience to social norms, social control,
- Cultural – Language, symbols
- Communication – Social interaction through language, symbols, scripts

Social values - Definition

- General standards regarded as higher order norms
- A belief that something is good and worthwhile
- Assumptions, unconscious of what is right and important

SOCIAL VALUES

- Desirable behaviour that fulfil needs of communal life
- Concern for groups welfare, organized in individual's personality, regulates individual's thinking and behaviour and moulding personality.
- Values are absorbed in culture

Social values - Meaning

- Measures of goodness and desirability
- Provides guideline for behaviour of people
- Part of culture, explain social processes operate in a society
- Facilitates social control

Social values - Functions

- Provides goals for members
- Maintains stabilities and uniformities in group interaction
- Brings legitimacy to the rules that govern specific activities

Social values - aspects

- General
 - Democracy, freedom, fundamental rights, respect for women
- Specific
 - Health value