

INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY

SOCIETY

- Societus - Latin - companionship or friendship
- Man is a social being, gregarious in nature
- Man needs society, enjoys group life
- Definition
- A number of like minded individuals who know and enjoy their like mindedness and are therefore able to work together for common ends.

Meaning of society

- Complex groups in reciprocal relationships interacting upon one another enabling human organisms to carry on their life activities and helping each person to fulfill his wishes and accomplish his interest in association with his fellows - from functional point of view

Elements of society

- Composed of people
- Mutual interaction of individuals
- Mutual inter relationships between individuals
- A pattern of system - division of work, delegation of authority

Elements of society

- Reciprocal awareness is an essential ingredient of social relationship
- We feeling / common propensity
- Like mindedness
- Society also implies difference / diverse / variations

Elements of society

- Interdependence
- Cooperation
- Society changes slowly or abruptly
- Society has social control - laws, rules
- Society has own characteristics - values, morals, ethics

Individual and society

- Divine origin theory - god created world and humans, laws
- Social contract theory - individuals born free but cannot fulfill their needs alone, individuals form groups to fulfill needs, form laws

- Organic theory - individual living organism, part of social system, various systems had to coordinate
- Group mind theory - same thoughts, actions, cohesiveness
- Evolution theory - from single cell to humans, mutually dependent