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General statement: Social order is based on how well we learn to develop our identities through our interactions with others.

General statement: Society is characterized by conflict between different groups competing for their interests. *The economy is the driving force of society.*

General statement: Society is characterized by inequalities based on gender and other social categories. Social institutions privilege men's interests and marginalize women.

General statement: Society is made up of social structures and social relations that function together for the good of the whole society. The need for social cohesion is the driving force of society.

Although some people may have greater **social status** or wealth than others, we are all rewarded fairly for our contributions to society.

Individuals cannot be understood on the basis of a single **social status**; different social categories intersect to shape our experiences.

Our everyday encounters with others shape and reinforce our assumptions about **social status**.

*Privileged members of society seek to maintain power, wealth and **social status** through the oppression of others. Those in power use social institutions to make sure they stay in power.*

Members of a society should be **socialized** to accept shared norms and values because they encourage cohesion.

*Because society is unequal, children from working-class families do not have access to the same **socialization** experiences as those from middle and upper-class backgrounds.*

We are **socialized** to accept gender roles that dictate what is “normal” for a man or woman.

Socialization is emphasized as the process through which we develop a sense of self through our interactions with others—how we develop a sense of self through other’s eyes.

Social change occurs through evolution, as institutions gradually shift to reflect new norms and values.

Social change occurs through revolution, as a result of marginalized people fighting for social justice.

Social change occurs when the meanings of the labels and symbols that shape our interactions change.

Social change should focus on challenging social inequality. But challenges to gender inequality needs to address all forms of social inequalities.

Sociologists can learn a great deal by exploring face-to-face interactions.

***Sociologists** examine who benefits from the unequal relations of society.*

Sociologists have much to learn from the experiences of women and other marginalized groups.

Sociologists seek to understand the roots of social stability and consensus (how society agrees on values and norms).