

Social Control

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Internalization

- Process by which a norm becomes part of ones personality, conditioning you to conform to society's expectations.
 - Saying hello when you see someone.
 - Stopping at a red light.
 - Hugging a family member.
 - Raising your hand in the classroom when you want to ask a question.



Positive Sanction

- An action that rewards a particular kind of behavior.
- Positive sanctions are introduced early in life by family members. Almost always through interactions of some sort.
- Given for good work, good grades, etc.
- Ex: raise or promotion at work, cheering from a crowd, ribbons, trophies, etc.

Can an overabundance of positive sanctions be a good or bad thing?



Negative Sanction

- Punishment or threat of punishment to encourage conformity with the rest of society.
- Ex: Possibly having car towed → Keeps you from illegally parking
 - If that is not enough then the punishment of having your car towed occurs.
- Many levels of negative sanctions → frowns, boos, ridicule, fines, imprisonment, and/or execution.



Formal Sanction

- Reward or punishment given by a formal organization or regulatory agency, such as school, business, or government.

Negative formal sanctions

- Low grades, suspension from school, fired from job, fines, imprisonment.

Positive formal sanctions

- Graduation diplomas, promotion, award, medals



Informal Sanction



- Majority of norms are handled in this way.
- Spontaneous expression of approval or disapproval given by an individual or group.

Negative informal sanctions

- Frowns, gossip, insults, booing, ostracism

Positive informal sanctions

- Standing ovation, compliments, smiles, gifts, etc.



Social Control

- Process of enforcing norms through either internal or external means.
- Social control in all societies is self-control which is learned through the internalization of norms.
- Agents of external social control
 - Police, courts, religion, family, public opinion.

No society can last long without effective social control.

