**Social Structure Vocabulary**

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| Social structure and Social institutions | Social structure is the network of statuses and roles that guide interaction. Social institutions are how certain statuses and roles are organized to meet a basic need of society. | The social structure of U.S. is post-industrial, democratic, mixed economy. Social institutions would include family, public education, levels and branches of gov’t, religious institutions within it. | Because our social structure is characterized by democracy and individualism, our social institutions like family and schools emphasize preparing us to make individual choices |
| Social categories and Aggregates | Social categories refer to a common trait shared by people. Aggregates are when people gather in the same place and time. Neither qualify as groups, lack several criteria. | Examples of social categories are gender, age, race, etc. Aggregates like all the people flying on airplane at one time include people that represent different categories. | Right now, I am in an aggregate of people in the library this afternoon, some of whom share the trait of being a mother. We have things in common, but not any lasting relationship. |
| Status, Role, and Role set  |  |  |  |
| Ascribed, Achieved, and Master statuses |  |  |  |
| Role performance, strain and conflict |  |  |  |
| Primary andSecondary groups |  |  |  |
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| DyadsandTriads |  |  |  |
| Small andLarge groups |  |  |  |
| Formal andInformal groups |  |  |  |
| In-groupandOut-group |  |  |  |
| Instrumental andExpressive leaders |  |  |  |
| Social networks andE-communities |  |  |  |