

Texting

- Anxiety, distraction, grades, stress, sleep deprivation
- Unknown long term musculoskeletal disorders
- Language (spoken & written)
- Social relations
- Social etiquette (break-ups)
- Driving

Texting Survey

- 5 students from each class 9-12 (20 kids)
- Extra pts for asking 5 students from lower grade levels
- Create a survey 7-10 questions
- Must get signature from each person
- If that person has already been asked by 2 other people, can not use them or classmates from this class

1. Do you have unlimited texting? Yes No

Use tally marks

2. Do your parents randomly read your texts?

3. Do you have a cell phone curfew?

4. Do you send pictures 3-5 times a wk?

Have all signatures at the bottom of your tally marks

Sociology-Intro

- Offers a perspective-View of the World
- Offers a fresh look at familiar worlds
- Might find yourself looking at your own world in a different light
- Enables you to gain a new perception of social life

How is this different from our own cultural markings?



- “Study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior”



- “Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts”



- Simply definition: It is the scientific study of society and human behavior



- **Sociology** is a science (social science) like economics, history, geography, psychology, anthropology — [get into 5 grps](#)
- **Study of society and human behavior**
- Sociology stresses the social context in which people live, and how they influence people's lives
- Question how grps influence people, how people are influenced by their **society** (people who share a culture and territory)



[Dancing w/ the Stars](#)

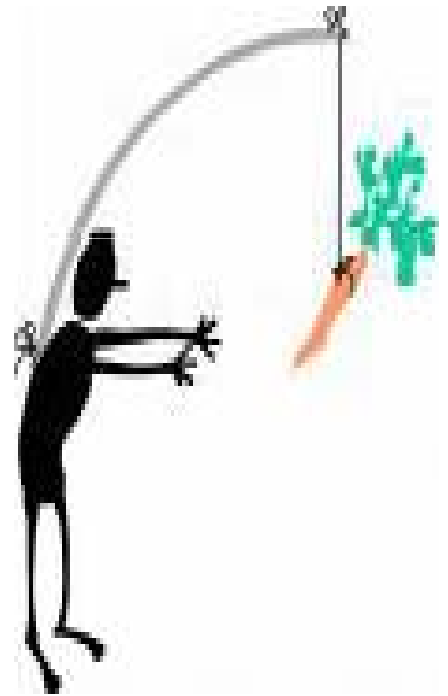
- 5 groups
- Write down immediately what you see from the perspective you were given
- Don't question it
- Don't say anything
- Few words

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- **Big Question: What is the influence of society on human behavior?**
- We are social beings more than we are individuals
- Our thinking and motivation are largely shaped by our life experiences as we interact with one another
- Our social structure (interactions and relationships) has great influence on who we are as individuals
- It influences our behavior and our attitudes



- We (people, in general) around the globe take their particular vies of the world for granted
- YOU-how your social groups have shaped your ideas and desires
- The way YOU look at the world is the result of your exposure to certain human groups
 - *Living in Mepo all your life, not exposed, R U closed or opened minded*



“In the game of life, we may
decide how to play our cards, but
it is society that deals us the
hand”



Three Main Theories in Sociology

1. Functionalism views society as integrated whole
2. Conflict looks at class, race, and gender struggles
3. Symbolic Interactionism examines how grp members use shared symbols as they interact

FUNCTIONALISM PERSPECTIVE/THEORY

- Emphasizes the contributions (functions) of each part of a society—such as family, economy, and religion are “parts” of society
- This theory see the parts of a society as an integrated whole
- A change in one part of society leads to changes in another part
- Look at recession-jobs loss- or women in job force-delay having a family

- Theory assumes that societies tend to return to a state of stability after some upheaval has occurred
- Society does change over time, but stable state is its main objective
- Not all elements/changes have a positive cause/effect
- Elements/parts/changes that have a negative consequences result in dysfunction
- Theory believes values are a main contributor to the high degree of cooperation found in our society (success, democracy, & opportunity)

CONFLICT THEORY

- This theory emphasizes conflict, competition, change, and constraint within in society
- Grps and societies compete as they attempt to preserve and promote their own values and interests

- Social living as a contest-who has the most power, ability to control behavior, obtain most wealth, prestige, and privileges
- For example balance of power among gender, women's movement is attempting to change the balance of power b/w men and women, roles w/in society change and parts/elements of society change along w it

SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM THEORY

- This theory focuses on the actual interaction among people
- Symbols = something chosen to represent something else (school mascot, flag, peace sign, etc...)
- Meaning of symbols is determined by if own social grp
- The importance of shared symbols is reflected in the formal definition of symbolic interactionism

- Must know what the symbol represents, we then base our behavior (interaction) on them, and then we imagine how others will respond to our behavior
- Through this capability we have these “internal conversations” w/ ourselves so we think before we act, again based on the interaction, how people will react to our behavior