

Sociology Virtual Learning High School/Lesson 20 Agents of Socialization Project April 17, 2020



Sociology Lesson: <mark>April 2020</mark>

Objective/Learning Target: The student will demonstrate their understanding of the socialization process by applying it to their own life.

Warm Up:

<u>Review:</u> This week we've been learning about the socialization process. Remember, that **Agents of Socialization** are the people, groups or institutions that teach us what we need to know in order to participate in society. While we have spent this week's lessons focusing on the main four: Family, School, Peers & Media, there are more agents of socialization that influence how we interact with society. Take a look at the following list and reflect on how each of these have influenced you.

- -Family Peers Clubs/ Social Groups
- -School -Ethnic Background or Culture -Work
- -Media -Government -Religion

Now, on a piece of paper, write answers to the following questions:

 Has the degree in which your family socializes you changed as you have gotten older?

2. How much influence do your peers currently have on the way you interact in society?



Warm Up (answers will vary):



Has the degree in which your family socializes you changed as you have gotten older?

Typically, the family as an agent of socialization has more impact on a person when they are younger. Think about it... when you are an baby or small child you spend more time with your family than you do when you are a teen or adult.

How much influence do your peers currently have on the way you interact in society? Answers will vary depending on your personal experiences, but typically when you are a teen, your friends have more impact in your socialization than they do when you are younger.

Practice

Look back over this week's previous topics and lessons, along with the practice activities you completed for each agent of socialization that you looked at (Family, Schools, Peers, Media.)

What stuck with you from each one of the lessons? Jot down you answers on your paper.

Consider some of these questions if you need guidance: Are there any of agents of socialization that stands out to you? Are there some that have had more influence on your socialization than others?

Practice

Answers will vary.

You are incredibly special and many of these agents have an impact on your socialization process. The degree of impact of each agent depends upon the unique situations, experiences and stages of your life.

Directions:

For today's lesson you are going to complete a "mini project" that shows your own socialization process. You can create a Google Slides presentation or a Google Document.

SLIDE #1- Title, Name

Slide #2 : Visual Representation

Create a pie graph or chart of some sort in Google Sheets that shows your agents of socialization and the percentage of each. You can use the main 4 agents, or any or all of the list on slide # 3 of this lesson. You should be creative- you can add pictures, etc. Copy and paste the graph onto your slide. If you are unsure on how to make a pie graph, <u>click here</u>, or if you want to use another way, <u>click here</u>. You can create your visual representation and either insert it or copy and paste it into to Google Slides or Google Document.

SLIDE #3 Agents of Socialization and My Life:

Select one of the agents of socialization as the one that you think has had the greatest impact on defining who you are and write a well developed paragraph explaining how it has impact on your life and helped define who you are.

Include pictures of you and your agents of socialization (family, friends, etc.)-Make the slide presentation representative of who you are. Be sure to caption all of the photos and images

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The following slides will show you a few student examples of this mini project.

Examples:



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Family had the most impact for me

I think that my family has had the most impact on me as a person. I say this because since i have spent most of my life with my mom, brother, grandma, my uncles and god father they have engraved many things that i'm thankful for. They have taught me how to be respectful and how to stay on task when I need to get things done. Along with right or wrongs and how to deal with issues without making them worse. If it wasn't for them I would not be the person I am today they helped guide me to who I am and the values and morals I now have they helped shape.

Additional Resources:

1. <u>Understanding Socialization in Sociology</u> (article)

2. Crash Course Sociology ep.14

