

Sociology

Lesson #12: April 7, 2020

Learning Target: The student will be able to describe the different types of norms.

Warm Up/ Bell Ringer

First, look at this picture of a student napping on a library table. **Does this follow the usual normal behavior common in libraries? Jot down your answer on a piece of paper.**



Next, look at this infographic that explains the different types of norms in Sociology.

On the same paper, write down why you think all societies have certain norms.

Types of Social Norms

The infographic is set against a light blue background and features four distinct illustrations. 1. Folkway: Two stylized human figures, one in a blue shirt and white pants, the other in an orange shirt and blue pants, are holding hands. 2. More: A red devil figure with horns and a tail holding a pitchfork stands next to a white angel figure with wings and a halo. 3. Taboo: A central figure in a blue shirt and grey pants is being pointed at by two large red hands. 4. Law: A white classical building with four columns and a pediment.

Folkway
Norm that stems from and organizes casual interactions

More
Norm that structures the difference between right and wrong

Taboo
Strong negative norm; violating it results in extreme disgust

Law
Norm that is formally inscribed at the state or federal level

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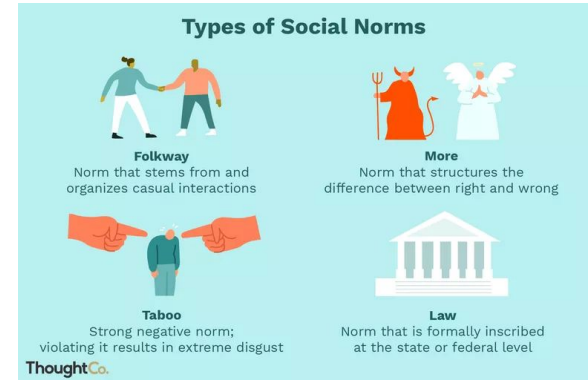
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I think that all societies have norms because norms guide behavior in groups. I think that norms can differ from one society or culture to another depending on what that society or culture values.

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On the same paper, write down why you think all societies have norms, and if you think norms are the same in all societies.



Lesson/Activity

Today we will learn about the different types of norms found in societies. First, you will read the definitions and examples given for each term. **Then, you will come up with your own example for each norm and write it on your paper.**

Norms- Norms are specific cultural expectations for how to behave in a given situation. They are the agreed upon expectations & rules by which members of a culture or society behave.

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Folkways: Folkways are sometimes called “customs.” They are norms for everyday behavior that people follow for the sake of tradition or convenience. Breaking a folkway does not usually have serious consequences.

Example: *You should not pay for your meal in all pennies at a restaurant.*

Now, write your own example of a folkway on your paper.



Lesson/Activity

Mores: Mores are strict norms that control moral and ethical behavior. Mores are norms based on definitions of right & wrong. Unlike folkways, people feel strongly about mores & violating them typically results in disapproval.

Example: *You should not cheat on a test.*

Now, write your own example of a more on your paper.

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Taboo: A taboo is a norm that society holds so strongly that violating it results in extreme disgust. Often times, the violator of the taboo is considered unfit to live in that society.

Example: *Murder is taboo in the United States.*

Now, write your own example of a taboo on your paper.



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Law: A law is a norm that is formally inscribed at the state or local level & enforced by police or other government agents. Laws exist to discourage behavior that would harm people or property.

Example: *It is illegal to speed in a school zone in the United States.*

Now, write your own example of a law on your paper.



Practice

Now, click on this link to Quizlet to use a study set to review the different types of norms.

CLICK HERE FOR
[QUIZLET STUDY SET](#)



Additional Resources

Click on the following links to learn more about norms in Sociology:

1. [Crash Course Sociology, ep. 10](#)
2. [What is a norm? Why does it matter?](#)

