Chapter Five
What is Socialization?

Doob - the process by which a person becomes a social being...

...the process through which people acquire personality and learn the ways of a society or group.
What do we as children learn through the socialization process?

- Acceptable patterns of behavior
- Social roles
- Language
- Values of our culture

When does socialization start?

When does socialization end?
Personality

...the pattern of thoughts, feelings, and self-concepts that are the special qualities of a person.
“Every man is in certain respects:
- Like all other men-
- Like some other men-
- Like no other man.”

Nature versus Nurture
Personality development occurs as a consequence of the interplay of:

- Biological inheritance
- Physical environment
- Culture
- Group experience
- Personal experience
Theories of Socialization

- **Self** - (At the core of the personality)
- **Doob** - …is one’s perception of his or her own person.
- …the individual’s conscious experience of a distinct, personal identity that is separate from all other people and things. Examples!!
Looking-Glass Self

Charles Horton Cooley-
“Looking-Glass Self”-
The Self is a social “product” developed through encounters with others.

Shakespeare-
“…each to each a looking-glass, reflects the other that does pass.”
Development of the Looking-Glass Self

- Imagining our own appearance
- Interpreting the reaction of others
- How we feel about those reactions, (Developing self-concept)
George Herbert Mead-
- Divided the Self into two parts;
  - “I”-represents the spontaneous, unique, and natural traits of the self.
  - “me”-represents the social part of the self, the internalized demands of society and the individual’s awareness of these demands.
Formation of the Self

The “me” forms during the socialization process in a three-stage process:

- Imitative Stage-
- Play Stage-
- Game Stage-

Mead- The “I” is never completely under the control of the “me.”
Freudian Theory of Socialization

- Sigmund Freud - Emphasis on...

- Personality is divided into three parts:
  - “id”-
  - “superego”-
  - “ego”-
Freud’s Psychosexual Stages

- Oral Stage-
- Anal Stage-
- Phallic Stage-
- Latency Stage-
- Genital Stage-
Agents/Sources of Socialization

- The Family-
- The Schools-
- The Peer Group-
- The Mass Media-
Socialization Through Life Cycle

- Primary Socialization-
- Adult Socialization-
- Anticipatory Socialization-
- Resocialization-

...a part of Resocialization is the concept of the “Total Institution.”
Total Institution


“Total Institution” - “...a place of residence...”