

# SOCIAL GROUP

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# What is Group

- In simple terms group can be said to be a collection of people living together.
- But they cannot be termed as a group if they are just physically together.
- To be termed as a group they are to be in contact and communication to each other.
- The members of a group try to mutually respond or stimulate to one another in some meaningful way which is known as social interaction.

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- “ Group is a number people in definable and persisting interaction directed towards common goals and using agreed upon means.”**John W. Bennet and Melvin M. Tumin**
  - “ Social group is two or more people between whom there is an established pattern of interaction.”**Marshall Jones**

## Definitions of Social Group

- “By group we mean any collection of human beings who are brought into relationship with one another” **Maclver**
- “ A social group is a system of social interaction.” **Harry M. Johnson**
- “A social group is a number of persons, two or more , who have common objects of attention, who are stimulating to each other, who have common loyalty and participate in similar activities.” **Bogardus**
- “ Whenever two or more individuals come together and influence one another , they may be said to constitute a social group,” **Ogburn and Nimkoff**

# Characteristics of Social Group

1. Collection of individuals
2. Interaction amongst members
3. Mutual Awareness
4. Similar Behaviour
5. We Feeling
6. Group Unity
7. Common Interests
8. Group Norms
9. Size of the Group
10. Groups are Dynamics
11. Stability
12. Influence of Personality

# Classification of Social Group

Groups have been classified by sociologists differently on the basis of size, caste, age, sex, class, occupation, religious beliefs. Such as

- In-groups and Out-group
- Horizontal groups and Vertical group
- Temporary and Permanent group
- Territorial and non-territorial groups
- Genetic and congregate groups
- Social group, social and Statistical Aggregate

Thank You