



Sociology: An Introduction

The basics of the study of Sociology

Defining Sociology

- Sociology is the scientific study of human society and interactions
 - Applies the principles of the Scientific Method to study the ways in which humans interact with each other and as part of a group
 - Specifically focuses on the roles of individuals, groups, institutions



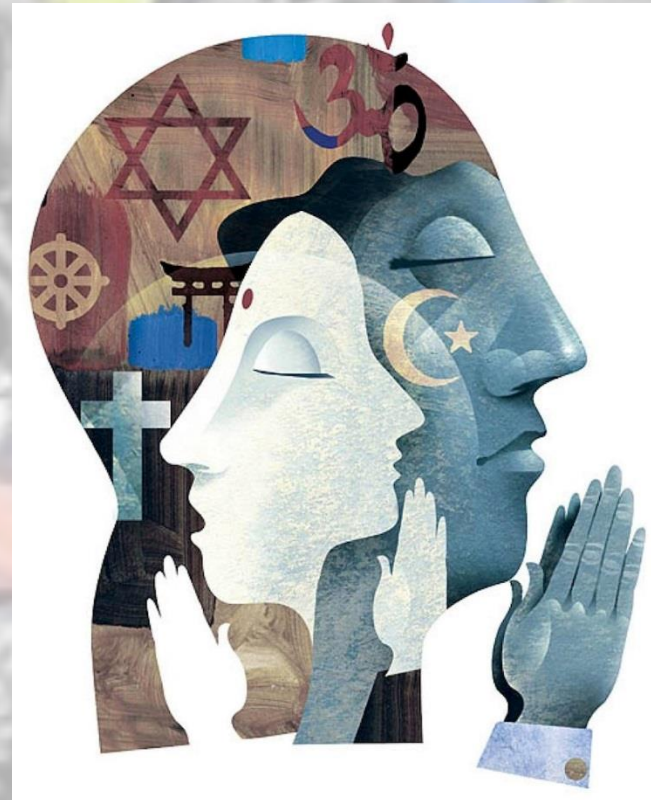
Defining Society

- A Society is a large social grouping that shares the same geographical territory and is subject to the same political authority and dominant cultural expectations.



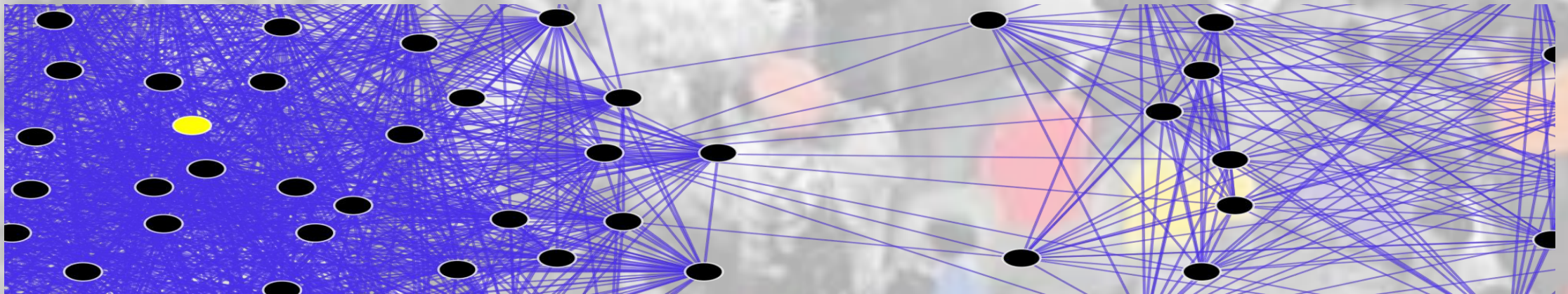
Examining Society

- Looking at the variety of things that influence peoples lives
 - Family
 - Ethnicity
 - Class
 - Gender
 - Religion



The Role of Sociologists

- Sociologists apply scientific method and come up with theories of human interaction, then collect evidence to either prove or disprove their theories
 - Example. A researcher trying to explain why females tend to do better than males in school
- Sociologists look for relationships and connections



The Role of Sociologists

- Sociologists try to come up with explanations for some of societies biggest questions and problems
 - Inequality
 - Deviance
 - Group Dynamics
 - Relationships
 - Conflict
 - Connections

