

- the function of groups is to sharpen group boundaries
- in groups make loyalty, but foster conflict
- * Group Sizes (Simmel)
 - he studied small groups
 - the dyad - social group of two members
 - the triad - three people
 - the dyad is more intense because only one other person is there
 - the dyad is unstable - both have to "be there"
 - the triad makes more relationships; it is more stable
 - a third wheel can happen though
 - as groups increase, the relationships between certain people decreases
 - a network - a web of weak social ties
 - Milgram did the six degrees of separation
- * Social Organizations
 - Large secondary group to achieve goals efficiently
 - Amitai Etzioni - identified 3 types of formal organizations
 - Utilitarian - pay people for their efforts, people in choose (jobs), to make a living
 - Normative - pursue a goal that a person believes is morally worthwhile; volunteer groups
 - Coercive - involuntary; result of punishment or treatment (jail, mental facility)