

Education

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* Education

- social institution through which society provides its members with important knowledge
- schooling - formal instruction under direction of specially trained teachers

* Schooling

- economic development - high standard of living & democratic principles
- culture -
- in the US - 25% of people have 4 year degree

* The Functions of Schooling

- socialization -
- cultural innovation - changing culture
- social integration - diverse people into one society
- social placement - matching instruction to ability
- latent functions - underlying indirect functions

* Education & Symbolic Interaction

- looks how perceptions can shape what happens in a classroom
- Jane Elliot's eye color
- gender dominance

* Schooling & Social Inequality

- challenges idea that school develops everyone's talent & abilities
- public vs. private education -
- different public schools
- inequality in higher education