

Introduction to Sociology

Chapter 3: Culture

Study Guide

1. Explain the difference between culture and society.
2. Do you think we are more or less ethnocentric than people who lived 200 years ago? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Give an example of an informal sanction.
4. Give an example of a situation in which real culture is different from the ideal culture.
5. One reason that cultures change is because of inventions. List two inventions that have changed American culture in major ways within the past 100 years. Explain your choices.
6. Who applies informal sanctions? Who applies formal sanctions?
7. How is a counterculture different from other subcultures?
8. Why does this chapter state that the Olympic Games are an example of ethnocentrism?
9. Give an example of how a culture might change because of diffusion.
10. Discuss how language affects culture and how culture relates to the development of norms and values.
11. If culture is an explanation of and guide for social behavior, including language, emotions, and thinking in a variety of different situations, explain some possible positive results of a multicultural educational program where curriculum and instruction are designed based solely on cultural backgrounds.
12. Clarify how folkways, mores, and laws vary in importance within American society.