

1. **Social Structure**

Human beings form social relations that are not arbitrary and coincidental, but exhibit some regularity and persistence. Social life is differentiated into groups, positions, and institutions that are interdependent, or functionally interrelated. These differentiated and interrelated characteristics of human groupings, although constituted by the social activities of individuals, are not a direct corollary of the wishes and intentions of these individuals; instead, individual choices are shaped and circumscribed by the social environment. The notion of social structures implies, in other words, that human beings are not completely free and autonomous in choosing their activities, but rather they are constrained by the social world they live in and the social relations they form with one another. Social structure is sometimes simply defined as patterned social relations - those regular and repetitive aspects of the interactions between the members of a given social entity.

II. **Social Contact**

Individuals rely on other individuals or groups to fulfill their needs to fit into society.

This social contact helps to assert the individual that he belongs, has a place to go, regardless of whether he really wants to be there or not. The need to be included, to have physical or emotional contact with other people is evident from the early stages of life.

Infants at an early age develop what is called a "social smile" in order to attract the attention of adults, be it their mother or father, or even that of a total stranger. It is hard to imagine a human being surviving in this world without any social contact.

III. **Separation Anxiety**

When an infant cries when his mother leaves him in an unfamiliar place.

This phenomenon only appears after the child is able to recall past events. If the infant is unable to remember that his mother had been present after she leaves the room, he will

experience no feeling of unfamiliarity when she is gone. However, if he is able to recall the mother's prior presence and cannot understand why she is no longer with him, that leads to anxiety.