Chapter 3

Socialization
Society Makes Us Human

- Feral Children
- Isolated Children
- Institutionalized Children
- Deprived Animals
Socialization into the Self and Mind

- Cooley and the Looking Glass Self
  - Imitation, Play, Team Games
- Mead and Role Taking
  - Imitation
  - Play
  - Team Games
FIGURE 3.1 How We Learn to Take the Role of the Other: Mead’s Three Stages

Stage 1: Imitation
(Children under age 3)
No sense of self
Imitate others

Stage 2: Play
(Ages 3 to 6)
Play “pretend” others
(princess, Spider-Man, etc.)

Stage 3: Team Games
(After about age 6 or 7)
Team games
(“organized play”)
Learn to take multiple roles

Source: By the author.
Socialization into the Self and Mind

• Piaget and the Development of Reasoning
  – The sensorimotor stage
  – The preoperational stage
  – The concrete operational stage
  – The formal operational stage

• Global Aspects of the Self and Reasoning
Learning Personality, Morality, and Emotions

• Freud and the Development of Personality
  – As the mind and the self develop, so does the personality
  – Superego
  – Sociological Evaluation
Socialization into Emotions

• Global Emotions
• Following “Feeling Rules”
• What We Feel
• Research Needed
• Society Within Us: The Self and Emotions as Social Control
Society Within Us

• The Self and Emotions as Social Control
• Are We Free?
• Expectations of Family and Friends
• Social Mirror
Socialization into Gender

- Learning the Gender Map
- Gender Messages in the Family
- Gender Messages from Peers
- Gender Messages in the Mass Media
  - Advertising
  - Movies and Television; Video Games
  - Anime
Agents of Socialization

• The Family
  – Social Class and Type of Work
• The Neighborhood
• Religion
• Day Care
• The School and Peer Groups
• The Workplace
Socialization Through Life

• Childhood - Birth to ~12 yrs
• Adolescence - 13 to 17 yrs
• Transitional Adulthood - 18 to 29 yrs
• The Middle Years - 30 to 65 yrs
  – Early Middle Years - 30 to 49 yrs
  – Later Middle Years - 50 to 65 yrs
Transitional Adulthood: A New Stage in the Life Course

Who has completed the transition?
Socialization Through Life

• The Older Years (about age 65 on)
  – The Transitional Older Years
  – The Later Older Years

• Sociological Significance of Life Course
  – Does Not Merely Represent Biology
  – Social Factors Influence Life Course
  – Social Location Very Significant
Are We Prisoners of Socialization?

• Sociologists Do Not Think So
  – We have a self
• Individual behavior is hard to predict
• Individuals Are Actively Involved in the Construction of the Self
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