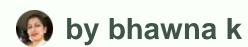# Social Control

Social control is a complex and fascinating aspect of human society. It encompasses the mechanisms that influence our behavior, shape our values, and maintain social order. This presentation explores the multifaceted nature of social control, examining its various forms and implications.

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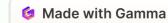# The Concept of Social Control

Maintaining Order

Social control is the process by which individuals and groups are regulated and directed towards conformity. It ensures that social norms, values, and expectations are upheld.
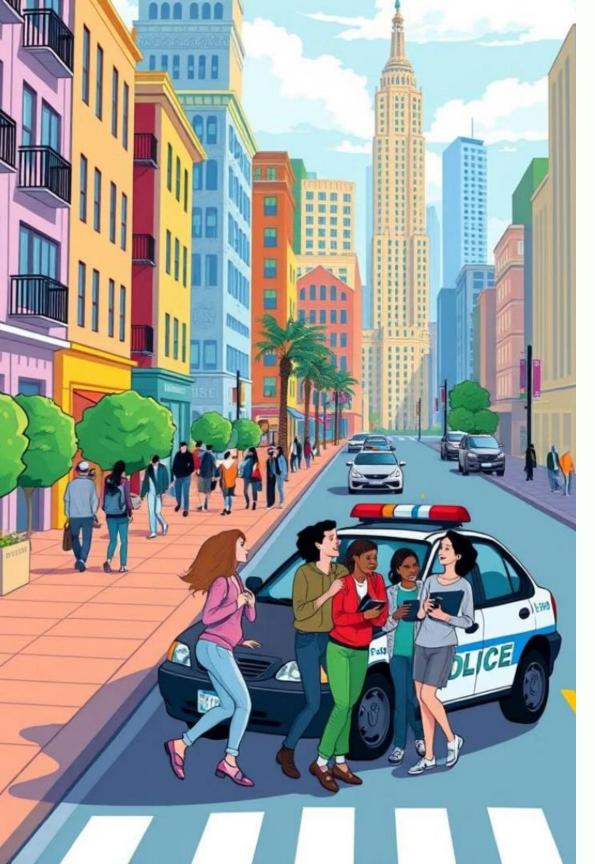
Enforcing Norms

It involves a range of mechanisms that aim to influence behavior and prevent deviance. This includes both formal and informal sanctions and rewards.

Promoting Stability

Social control is essential for maintaining stability within a society by promoting a sense of shared understanding and collective responsibility.

Formal and Informal Mechanisms of Social Control

Formal Mechanisms

These are established rules, laws, and institutions designed to enforce social order. Examples include legal systems, police, and government agencies.

Informal Mechanisms

These are unwritten social norms, values, and expectations that are enforced through social pressure and social sanctions. Examples include social ostracism, gossip, and peer pressure.

Examples

Formal: Laws prohibiting theft, Education, Legislature, Police, Military
Informal: Customs, Folkways, Mores, Religion

The Role of Institutions in Social Control

Legal System

Courts and legal institutions enforce laws and adjudicate disputes. They set clear boundaries and consequences for deviance.

Education

Schools socialize individuals and instill values, norms, and knowledge that contribute to social cohesion and stability.
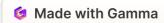
Family

Families are primary agents of socialization, teaching children fundamental values and norms. They provide a framework for behavior and social interaction.

Social Control and Conformity

1	Conformity
2	Social Approval
3	Rewards
4	Fear of Punishment
5	Desire for Acceptance

The Dark Side of Social Control

1	Oppression
2	Discrimination
3	Silencing Dissent
4	Violation of Individual Rights