ANTHROPOLOGY

And The Concept of

CULTURE
CULTURE

Is an ordered system of beliefs, expressive symbols, values and knowledge, in terms of which groups of individuals define their world, express their feelings, make their judgements, and cope with their environment.
CULTURE

• Is the manner in which human groups learn to organize their behavior in relation to their environment.

• It is everything that people THINK, HAVE and DO as members of a society
CULTURE

• Is a complex phenomenon

• It is shaped by humans; but it also shapes human behavior

• It gives rise to behavior and beliefs
CULTURE

• Is LEARNED

• Prolonged period of raising human offspring

• Protoculture
CULTURE

- Is shared
- Among members of a group
- Parents with child
- Child with peer group.

- Shared Standards
  - proper behavior
  - predictability
CULTURE SHOCK

• Psychic distress caused by the strains of adjusting to a different culture
CULTURE

- Is a continuum
- Traditions have accumulated without a break in continuity
- from individual to individual
- Archaeology = extinct cultures
CULTURE

- Is an abstraction
- A mental construct
- No one can actually see culture
- We can see the results of it
- Non-material culture
CULTURE

- Is symbolic
  - As a result, to discover the culture of a group we OBSERVE BEHAVIOR
  - a series of Patterns
CULTURE

• Is a whole system

• Mutually interdependent parts

• It is integrated

• Holistic Approach

• Select Traits or Subsystems to study

• Elements of culture have a Function
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CULTURE

- Is diverse
- Is a problem-solving process
- Many ways of organizing these institutions
- Sociobiology?
STUDY OF CULTURE

- Increase an individual’s self-awareness
- Help solve problems of personal identity
- There is no right or natural way to be - only different ways
- Range of behavioral variation
- Conformity
SOCIAL STRUCTURE

• The pattern of social interaction between individuals.

• The network of interaction of individuals and groups.
CULTURE AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE

• Culture is unique to humans;
• Social Structure is not
• Culture refers to WHY people behave these ways
• Social Structure refers to HOW people behave
• Both are independent and interdependent