First 10: Do you gossip????

- Does gossip magnify the looking glass self???
- Read the article provided and answer the questions that go along.
- Be prepared to discuss.



SOCIALIZATION "The process of being a social animal"



AGENTS OF SOCIALIZATION

- **■** The Family
- The Peer Group
- **■** The School
- **■** The Mass Media
- Religion

Discussion: which has the biggest influence on your age group????

FAMILY

- Most important in most cultures.
- Help determine socially what you will become.
- Can be a negative or positive social influence.
- Both deliberate and unconscious socialization.
 - Example: a father tells child to be polite (deliberate), but then demonstrates this in everyday life (unconscious).
- Unconscious socialization seems to have a greater effect than deliberate.

 (Think of how many times you have done the opposite of what your parents have said)



- Parenting styles vary by social class and have changed over time. Post World War II, found middle-class parents stress self-mastery and creativity in their children; working-class parents focus on instilling conformity and making their children obedient to authority.
- At the turn of the century, research found working-class parents focus on providing basic necessities for their children while largely leaving their kids alone to socialize themselves; middle- and upper-class parents focus on instilling self-mastery in their children, often through activities, constructive interactions with others, and the learning of making choices and actions to bring about desirable outcomes.
- More recently, classed parenting styles influence education, as there is a positive relationship between class status and a student's likelihood of taking a proactive role in their learning.

Clueless



- In this clip a wealthy and powerful father encourages his daughter to achieve high academic marks not through hard work and study, but through creative negotiation and maybe even the outright manipulation of teachers.
- According to generations of research on cross-class parenting styles, it would be unlikely working-class parents would emphasize negotiation as a life skill, perhaps because these fathers and mothers often feel powerless themselves.
- middle- and upper-class parents also pass along a form of social capital to their child that offers advantages in modern workplaces that do not reward subordination to authority, but rather incentivize the ability to bend and manipulate authorities towards one's own interests and desires.

In class reading

- Read about helicopter parents & Millennial parents
- Discussion

Other agents of socialization...

Religion

- Although religion is arguably less important in people's lives now than it was a few generations ago, it still continues to exert considerable influence on our beliefs, values, and behaviors.
- Here we should distinguish between *religious preference* (e.g., Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish) and *religiosity* (e.g., how often people pray or attend religious services). Because this will effect how much religion socializes you.
- Your religious preference and religiosity can effect your values on social issues such as abortion, gay marriage, stem cell research, science etc.

Religion Awareness posters

- Get with a partner and pick a religion (once someone has picked it, your group cannot pick it)
- Create a Socialization Awareness poster for that religion. Include:
 - Name of religion & Holy Book
 - Foundations of the religion (what is the concept of the religion)
 - **■** Famous religious symbol and meaning
 - Where in the world is it mainly practiced & how many ppl practice it
 - how followers are supposed to dress
 - what they can/cannot eat
 - Any rituals that need to be preformed daily/weekly
 - How does the religion socialize it's members to know what is right & wrong

- Religions:
 - Christianity
 - Judaism
 - Islam
 - Hinduism
 - Buddhism
 - Zoroastrianism
 - Confucianism
 - Shinto
 - Taoism
 - Sikhism
 - Jainism
 - Bahá'í Faith



Mass media

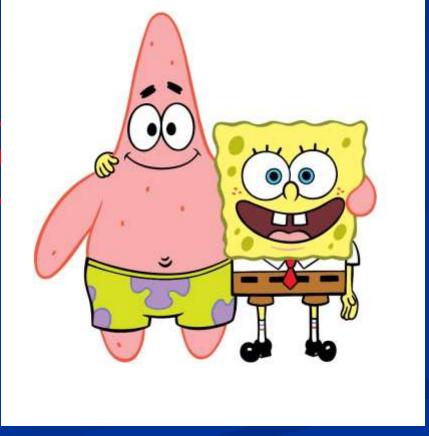
We often learn things
through mass media that our
parents would probably
rather we didn't- foul
language, sex, drugs, violence,
poor lifestyle choices

- Mass media also seems to enforce gender roles and stereotypes
- Sometimes this is the only time someone will come in contact with a person of a different race, religion or sexuality.



Can Mass Media really shape us that much!?!





PEER GROUPS

- As children grow older the peer group starts to have more influence of social behavior.
- A peer group = a group composed of individuals close in age and social characteristics.
 - Peers shape personality as we mold ourselves to fit.
- Not structured like family and school. (more open)





THE SCHOOL

Plays a major role in socializing us.

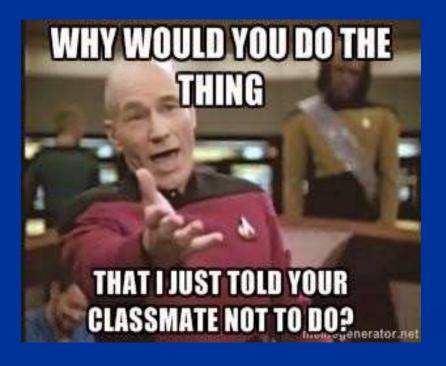
The official purpose of

school is to transfer subject knowledge and teach life skills, such as following directions and meeting deadlines.

- Exposes us to different types of social circles, like "the real world".
- <u>Is deliberate...well thought out.</u>
- <u>Extracurricular activities especially prepare the</u>
 <u>student for life in larger society.</u>

In school, we also learn social skills through our interactions with teachers, staff, and other students. For example, we learn the importance of obeying authority and that, to be successful, we must learn to be quiet, to wait, and sometimes to act interested

even when we're not.





"Do I get partial credit for simply having the courage to get out of bed and face the world again today?"

PUBLIC SCHOOL VS. BOARDING SCHOOL

- What are differences?
- Which better prepares for the world?
- What are pros and cons of each?

Dead poet society Project

