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**Social Institution****Definition**

Society is a collection of individuals united by relations or modes of behaviour that distinguish them from others.

**Example / case study**

Herbert Risley: Racial theory of caste; The People of India. Thurston: Castes & Tribes of Southern India. Beginning: Institutionalisation of anthropology (Dept. of Anthropology, Calcutta University - 1920). Nature: Empirical fieldwork, study of social institutions.

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