



Political Socialization

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What is Political Socialization?

- ▶ Political Socialization is the process by which individuals learn about the political system, values, attitudes and beliefs.
- ▶ Political Socialization also involves the involvement of individual with the political system and making changes according to the system.
- ▶ Political Socialization also encompasses the way in which people acquire values and opinions that shape their political stance and ideology.



Characteristics of Political Socialization

- ▶ Political Socialization has the following main characteristics:-
 - ▶ 1. Political socialization is a process.
 - ▶ 2. Link and familiar people with political orientation and pattern of behaviour.
 - ▶ 3. It draws the development of attitude.
 - ▶ 4. Political socialization is Universal Process.
 - ▶ 5. Political Socialization is a continuous process.
 - ▶ 6. Political Socialization **Can** be guided to a particular Direction.
 - ▶ 7. Political socialization can be manifest or laden.
 - ▶ 8. The Political socialization is both, formal and informal.
 - ▶ 9. With the process of political socialization political culture passes on from one generation to another.
 - ▶ 10. Political socialization differ from state to state.

Types of Political Socialization

- ▶ Political Socialization can be divided into four types:-
 - ▶ 1.Direct Political Socialization
 - ▶ 2.Indirect Political Socialization
 - ▶ 3.Primitive Political Socialization
 - ▶ 4.Modern Political Socialization

Types of Political Socialization contd.

- ▶ **Direct Political Socialization** involves explicit communication of information, values, or feelings towards politics.
- ▶ **Indirect Political Socialization** is when political views are inadvertently moulded by our experiences. These experiences are generally made when an individual is a young child, such as parental and teacher relationships.
- ▶ **Primitive Political Socialization** involves a relatively limited extent in the specialized political roles.
- ▶ **Modern Political Socialization** involves the full involvement of the individuals in the primary and secondary structures of manifestations that are given by the government.

Factors Affecting the Political Socialization

- ▶ The factors affecting the political socialization are:-
 - ▶ **1. Family:**-Family is a primary influence in the development of a child's political orientation, mainly due to constant relationship between parents and child.
 - ▶ **2. Schools:**-Most influential of all agents, after the family, due to the child's extended exposure to a variety of political beliefs, such as friends and teachers, both respected sources of information for students.
 - ▶ **3. Mass Media:**- Television shows, movies, popular music, magazines, Web sites, and other aspects of the mass media influence our political views; our tastes in popular culture; our views of women, people of colour ; and many other beliefs and practices.

Factors Affecting the Political Socialization contd.

- ▶ **4. Religion:**-Religious tradition can have a strong effect on someone's political views. For example, Protestants tend to be more conservative (in countries where Protestants are not great majority).
- ▶ **5. Employment Experience:**-Political orientation is shaped through participation in unions, collective bargaining, demonstrations and other forms of decision making. Informal groups of employee exert influence on the attitude of their members towards political objects and events.
- ▶ **6. Peers:**-Peers refer to as the group of people that usually are of approximately same age and share beliefs. Friends and other people have increasingly important influence on political attitude and behaviour.

Factors Affecting the Political Socialization contd.

- ▶ **7.Symbols:-**Symbols are also play an effective role in political socialization. The observation of birth days or martyrdom days of national heroes like Mahatma Gandhi, Sub hash Chandra Bose etc. inculcates a new spirit among the youths and they begin to work for the nation.



Functions of Political Socialization

- ▶ The main functions of Political Socialization are:-
 - ▶ It helps in the transmission of political values from one generation to another.
 - ▶ It introduces values, norms and orientations in the minds of individuals.
 - ▶ It helps in giving shape and transmits a nation's political culture.
 - ▶ It goes on throughout the life of the individual.

Importance of Political Socialization

- ▶ Political Socialization is important because:-
 - ▶ It provides the link between political and social systems.
 - ▶ It provides legitimacy to political system.
 - ▶ It provides knowledge about the political matters.
 - ▶ It is helpful in formation and maintenance of political culture.
 - ▶ It provide stability to political system.



Conclusion

- ▶ We can say that Political socialization is a process by which an individual gets knowledge about the political system, political values and belief. Political socialization helps the individual to acquaint himself with political culture and also to change himself according to it.
- ▶ In order to properly understand the politics of a country we must endeavor to understand the process of the political socialization of that country.

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