

# ROLE AND STATUS OF SOCIAL SYSTEM

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# INTRODUCTION OF THE TOPIC

- The concept of system was given by Talcott Parsons.
- The social system refers to orderly arrangements of the interrelated parts.
- In the arrangement, every parts has affixed place and definite role to play.
- The parts are bound by interaction.

**□ The social system may be described as an arrangement of social interactions based on shared norms and values.**

**□ They are bounded by norms and values and values culture, and shared behavior.**

## DEFINITION OF SOCIAL SYSTEM

- “Social system is an organization. As it is an orderly and systematic arrangement of parts.”  
-Meciver and Page
- “A social system consists of a plurality of individuals, actors’ interactions in with the other in a situation.”  
-Talcott Parsons

# Characteristics of Social System

- Social Interactions.
- Specific objectives.
- Functional Relationship serves base for unity.
- Influenced by the changes.
- Specific role and functions.
- Base for social structure.
- Specific role and functions.
- Comprehensive arrangements.
- Dynamic in nature.
- Linked with Cultural System.
- Specific Order and Pattern.

## ▪ **Specific objectives :**

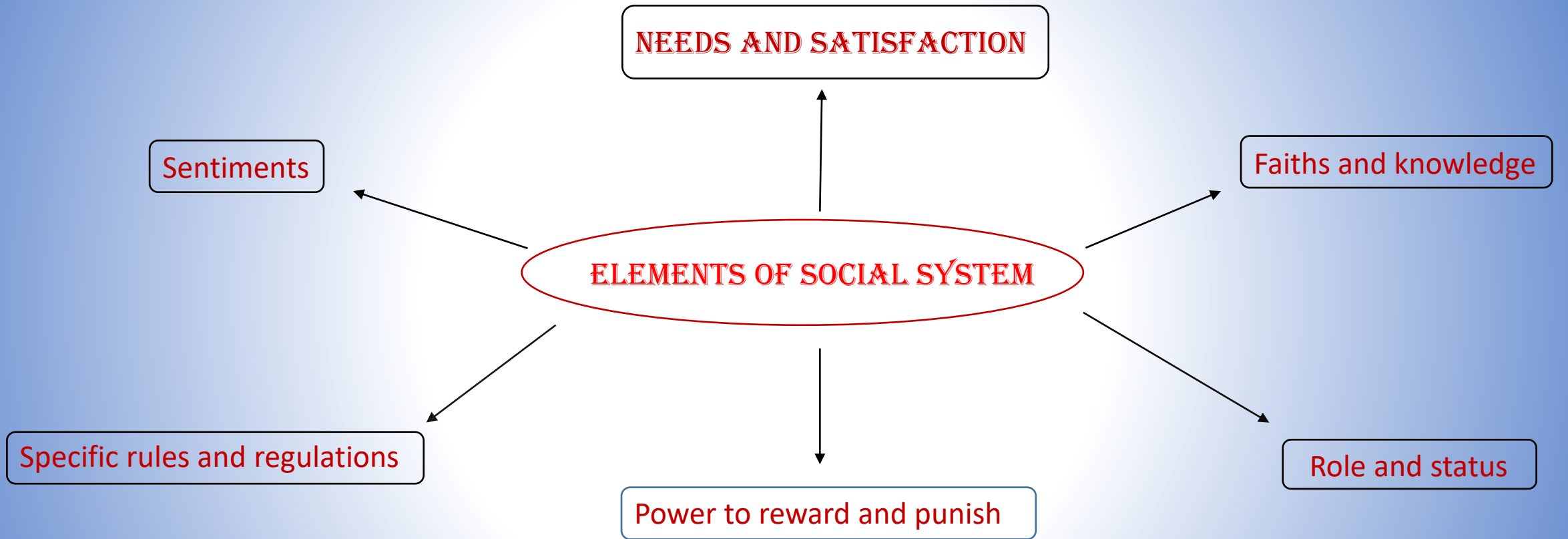
- ❖ Human interactions or activities of the individual should not be aimless or without object.
- ❖ These activities have to be according to certain aims and objects.

## ▪ **Influenced by the changes:**

- ❖ Social system is a dynamic phenomenon that is influenced by the changes caused in the social form.
- ❖ Changes can takes place in the social system due to human needs, environment, and historical. Conditions.

# Specific role and functions:

- ❖ In the social system each of the interacting individual has function or role to perform in terms of the status he occupies in the system.
- ❖ For example, in the family parents, sons, and daughters are required perform certain socially recognized functions or roles.





## **Sentiments :**

Man does not live by reason alone. Sentiments play an immense role in investing society with continuity.

Its s directly linked with the culture of the people.

## **Needs and satisfaction :**

Man is born social and dependent.

He has to meet his requirements and fulfill his obligations.

Man and society exist between needs and satisfactions that determine the nature of social system.

# **Role and status**

- ❖ Society has prescribed different roles to different individuals.
- ❖ Sometimes we find that there is a role attached to every status.
- ❖ Role is the external expression of the status.
- ❖ While discharging certain jobs or doing certain things, every individual keeps in his mind his status.

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# ROLE

## Definition of Role

A social role is a pattern of behaviour expected of an individual in a certain group situation.

## ROLE:

- Role is a set of behavior expected of a member who occupies a particular position in the group.
- The expected role of each member in a specific group will be specified e.g. father in a family holds the responsibility to feed the family.
- The role of a person is determined by his social status.
- Social roles are a part of an individual behavior while interacting with other in various situation

# STATUS

- Every individual in society is functional.
- Status is the relative rank that an individual holds with his rights, duties in a social hierarchy based upon its prestige.
- In the simplest of word , status is the position in the society.
- In a social system, status is the rank a person holds in a social hierarchy

# Types of status

## ASCRIBED

1) By birth (nationality ,family)

2) No precondition for the status (elder in the family is bound to be respected)

3) Based on age, sex, race, caste and kinship.

## ACHIEVED

1) By result of individual efforts, abilities and potentialities.

2) Preconditions are necessary (ability, efficiency, status)

3) Based on capacities, abilities and characteristics.

## Relationship between status and role

<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ROLE</b>
1) Statuses are expressed in different forms.	1) Properly understood, the role is the requirement of society.
2) Status can be understood by considering the background of the society.	2) Roles can be understood by considering the requirements of the society.
3) Status divides the society into different groups like ranks.	3) No division of society by roles.
4) Status provides prestige and respect.	4) Role is only the functional aspects of status.
5) Status is only a part of the larger social system.	5) Role is the behavior pattern expected of the status.