Wild Card = Privileged People

| 9, 8, 7 | = | Semi-privileged people |
| 6, 5, 4, 3 | = | Not privileged people |
| 2, 1 | = | Inferior people |

Social Structure and Society

Chapter 5

Ascribed Status
A position that is assigned NOT earned or chosen.

Achieved Status
A position that is chosen or earned.
Status Set
All of the statuses that you occupy at any particular time.

Master Statuses
Of the many statuses a person has, these are the most important and influence most aspects of life.

What is Ariana’s status set?

What is Michael’s status set?

Role
An expected behavior associated with a particular status

Role
What are our roles as modern doctors?

Keeping up with new medical developments, scheduling office appointments, diagnosing illnesses and prescribing treatments.
Rights and Obligations

A right is a behavior that an individual can expect from others.

An obligation is a behavior that individuals are expected to perform toward others.

**THESE CORRESPOND WITH EACH OTHER!**

Doctors are **obligated** to diagnose their patients’ illness.

Patients have the **right** to expect doctors to diagnose to the best of their ability.

Role Performance vs. Social Interaction

Role performance is the actual behavior of an individual in a role.

Social interaction is the process of influencing each other as people relate.

How does play-acting differ from social interaction?

1. Real life role performance occurs without planning.
2. You cannot adlib roles in real life.
3. There are no cues and predictable responses in real life.

Role Conflict and Role Strain

Role conflict is when the performance of a role in one status interferes with the performance of a role in another status.

Role strain is when the roles of a single status are inconsistent of conflicting.

Priorities – what’s more important?

Segregate – separate our roles.

How do we manage role conflict and strain?
Role strain can appear hypocritical!

Cooperative Learning Moment...

- In small groups work together to develop resolutions to the conflict!
- All group members must record your resolutions in your notes!

What’s the sitch?

Dave is the manager of a team of computer engineers. Dave’s good friend Ted is assigned to Dave’s team. Dave has to play the roles of both supervisor and friend. Ted has to play the roles of both employee and friend. Each role contains a variety of expectations. As a friend, Dave is expected to support Ted (and vice versa) when difficulties arise. But as a supervisor Dave is expected to treat employees without partiality. What is Dave to do if Ted messes up on the job? How is Ted to react if Dave has to discipline him?

- What are potential problems?
- How would you handle them?