

# social structure *(so-cial-struc-ture)*

## Definition

n. The organized pattern of social relationships and social institutions that together compose society.

## Example Sentence

The **social structure** of the community was based on mutual respect and cooperation.

## More Example Sentences

Changes in the **social structure** can lead to shifts in cultural norms and values.

## Synonyms

social organization; social system; societal framework

## Antonyms

disorganization; chaos; disorder

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