Lecture 7: Groups

Social Self

Individual Self
- Personal traits, abilities, tastes, talents
  "I think I am intelligent"

Relational Self
- Sense of oneself in a specific relationship
  "I think I am a good worker"

Collective Self
- Roles about our identities as members of a social group
  "I am British"

Individual vs Collective Self
- I am me vs we as group

Group
- Collection of individuals sharing common factors which differentiate them from another group
- Large or small, like race, religion, or age
- Long or short lived, like religion or jury member
- Aggregated or dispersed, like student or committee

Contingent Types of Groups

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<td>Small, long term, groups characterized</td>
<td>Families, close friends, tight-knit</td>
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<td>Larger, less intimate, more goal focused</td>
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