



Social Factors that Affect Growth and Development

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Meaning of Social factor

- ▶ Social factors are the varied social categories that could affect a person's circumstances, experiences, and social position. Examples of social factors include socio-economic status, educational level, environmental circumstances, health, cultural customs and norms, gender, ethnicity, and more.

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- ▶ Social scientists often use social factors as key metrics in their studies. For example, it's not uncommon for a social scientist to study how a social factor affects a person's life chances.

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- ▶ Social factors can have a significant impact on a person's lifestyle and well-being. For instance, your *family income* level can affect whether you get to have an *education* and *which type of school* you attend. Which education you receive will then affect *what kind of jobs you get*. Sociologists and social theorists often focus on one social factor. For example, **feminists** are very concerned with gender norms, which can be considered a social factor that can restrict or empower people of various genders.

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- ▶ **Marxists** are concerned with *capitalism*, *class*, and *economic capital* – each of which structure how wealth and power are distributed across a society. **Intersectional theorists** are often concerned with the various aspects of identity (*ethnicity, race, class, gender, and so on*) and how they intersect to create *social stratification*. **Educational Sociologists** are often concerned with *education* as a social factor and how it is distributed throughout society.

Social Factors

- ▶ There are few social factors that are directly or indirectly influence the growth and development of the human being which are –

Poverty

**Lack of
opportunities**

Deprivation

**Disrupted
Family**

**Poor
Neighbourhood**

**Poor
Housing**

1. Poverty

- ▶ Poverty is a lack, dissatisfaction or situation where a person has *no property or money*. In general terms, poverty refers to the situation resulting from lack of money. That's why people in our society *suffers from good food, good clothes, good education, and good medical care*. These are directly or indirectly related to human growth and development.

2. Lack of Opportunity

- ▶ Every people of the world have own right of getting opportunities from their own nations or from their own states.
- ▶ But in real life, we see that there are a few people in each society or in each state who deprived from many opportunities. Most of the time, the right to getting job is one.

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- ▶ However, in many countries, population growth has accelerated and employment growth has slowed down.
- ▶ This is a major problem facing all countries. Because of this, people become afraid, insecure and depressed. This situation affects growth and development directly and indirectly.

3. Deprivation

- ▶ Deprivation is one of distinct social factor influencing human growth and development. We see different types of deprivation such as – **Social Deprivation** (*make deprived anybody due to caste*), **Economic Deprivation** (*deprived from right of getting job*), **Citizen Deprivation** (*deprived from right of getting justice*), **Mental Deprivation** (*deprived from any right by force of fear*) etc.

4. Disrupted Family

- ▶ Disrupted family means families who have *no certain place of living*, who are *slum* and live at *surrounding of rail station* and on *pavement*, who have *no name in government voter list* etc.
- ▶ The qualities of living of people of disrupted families are very poor standard which influences growth and development directly or indirectly.

5. Poor Neighbourhood

- ▶ When economically backward peoples lived in a place then a surrounding among them is build up. Here the peoples are neighborhood to each others. This is called *poor neighborhood*. Due to their poverty they deprived from many opportunities. Sometimes they receive *criticize, deprivation, exploitation from people of few rich families*. For this reason, most of the time they suffer from lack of confidence. This influence their growth and development.

6. Poor Housing

- ▶ **Absence of money** is very normal to poor people. Due to this reason many poor people have *no certain place for living*. Though who avail at least a small place for living that are very *unhygienic*. Sometime we see some of them live in a small room by gathering which is also very unhealthy. These types of situation influence their growth and development.



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