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Humans, being social animals have to live in societies, and they cannot live in isolation. Every society has proper setups, customs, rules, and laws that have to be followed in order to keep a peaceful environment. Law has been made to resolve conflicts and disputes and laws are implemented through some sources like legislation and courts, which can be considered as a tool to bring a change in society.

Functions of law are about, how a system is maintained, and some of them provide stability (Funk, 1972). Law is considered as an important state to achieve social targets. For a few societies, functions of law may be the same, and for a few, these may be different. Once laws are violated, it can cause inequalities, gain in power of authoritative and ruling classes. Influential groups can misuse laws and powers which will create disturbance in the peace of societies. Law impact societies and vice versa. Law represents the development of nations. While according to the Functionalist class of thought, the law is an independent system.

Dimensions of law can be understood through legal systems in organizations, legal proceedings, and cultures. Law controls human behaviors by subjecting them to obey and adopt a proper and legal system in which they have to survive. One can relate this to educational setups, food security, rights, and social services (Stevens, 1990). Law also assures equal treatment and justice with all of the citizens living in a state. Back in 1734, John Peter Zenger was accused by a royal King, later on, he was declared innocent by the jury. Another example is the Fugitive Slave Act passed in 1850, the requirement of this act was to free all slaves, and they were supposed to be back to their masters. The officials and citizens living in free states were directed to cooperate.

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