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Social behavior is a very popular and interesting topic of research among not only sociologists but also psychologists, criminologists and the individuals working in the law enforcement agencies. Social behavior refers to the behavior of a specific set of actions among two or more individuals sharing the same social space. This interaction or behavior is mostly noted among the organisms belonging to same species and the effects and after effects of such type of behavior is evaluated on basis of the various course of actions and reactions by these organisms.

In almost all the societies, the individuals are expected to act and behave in a certain way which suites the values and norms of that society. This expected social behavior is in accordance with the culture and religion of that specific area or region. If any person tries to diverge from these usual or accepted standards, it is known as deviance. Most of the times, deviance refers to the divergence in the form of social and sexual behavior (Conrad, P., & Schneider, 2010). In a sociological perspective, the term deviance refers to the violation of social norms that are generally acceptable. Usually, this violation is of such severity in nature that it gains hatred or disapproval from the majority of the population of that society. Deviance may be criminal or non-criminal in nature.

Social inequality refers to an unequal distribution of opportunities and resources among the members of a society or group of people (Hurst, Gibbon, & Nurse, 2016). This distribution may refer to the providence of different type of rewards or services against different statuses or social positions. Social inequalities may be a result of segregation of the in various classes like financial classes and racial discrimination. Another reason behind social inequality is the different types of social treatments by the police and the judicial systems working in society.

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