

## **Socialization**

According to Joseph Healey (2012), socialization is a lifelong process in which we are socialized from birth to death. For example, many people start a new socialization process when they enter into new or different stages of their life, such as deciding to become new recruits in the military and attending boot camp or even starting a new job. It is believed that when entering a new stage in life we are conditioned and taught how to act in those particular roles. For example, when starting a new job we must learn the rules and policies of the company, and adhere to the cultural environment in the workplace. Also new recruits are conditioned by way of degradation ceremonies, which strips the identity of the old self, and is replaced with a new identity to represent the new roles that the person takes in society (Blossom Bell, 2012).

Many sociologists have confirmed that the family is the most influential point of reference regarding socialization. Joseph Healey (2012) makes reference to the fact that children learn behavior, language, morals, value and beliefs from their families, peers, school and the church. However, we are learning that socialization can have a position effect on children in which positive socialization by agents will have a positive effect on the child's identity and self-esteem as well as a negative socialization by agents having a negative effect on the well being of the child.

Let's take for example, the study of Genie and social isolation. This is a case regarding a California girl who was abused by her parents, and kept in isolation from the age of two to thirteen years in which she was tied to a potty chair, and kept in the dark with little human interaction (Davis, 1940).