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Humans, the Group Animals

Part I: Group Behavior and Group Stereotypes

Directions: *Below, you'll find different situations where humans interact in groups. For each situation, describe:* **A.** What outfits you imagine these people would be wearing. **B.** What kinds of things they would talk about, scream about, or expressions they might have. **C.** What are some of the rituals or activities this group engages in, and **D.** Who leads this group? What qualities does this leader possess?

Group	A. Outfits	B. Speech	C. Activities	D. Leaders
The spectators at a UW football game.				
People hanging out at a party after homecoming.				
<i>All</i> the students in a typical P.E. class.				
People working at Burger King across the street.				
A mob of rioters burning stores during a protest.				
Individuals waiting in silence at a bus stop.				
People on an elevator at a large office tower downtown.				
People who drive Mini-Vans.				
Teenagers who play Dungeons and Dragons at lunch				
Father's watching little league sports				
Cheerleaders at lunch on the day of homecoming.				
Teachers having lunch in the break room.				
In the parking lot at a Jam Band concert (Grateful Dead, Phish, etc.)				

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Part II: Group Research

Next, make a list of all the groups you belong to now. List as many as possible; don't forget family, clubs, sport teams, classes, social groups, cliques of friends, your state, your city, your country, etc.

Which of these groups has the greatest influence on your life?

List “other” groups that you are not a part of that you interact with each day.

Group Research:

18. Choose a group of individuals in some public place that you are NOT a part of. List it here: _____

How do you expect this group to interact with one another? What clothing, rituals, etc. do you expect them to have?

HOMEWORK: Answer on a separate piece of paper and attach. Observe the grouping of people for at least 20 minutes, and be sure to take notes. Research them the way a zoologist would research the behavior of Apes or Dolphins. Be objective.

1. Where did you find your group? What was their habitat?
2. What were the characteristics of the people in the group? Describe each of them in detail.
3. How were the people arranged in the physical environment? (Include a diagram or drawing)
4. What were the characteristics of the group (rather than the people in the group)?
 - a. Interaction: How were the members interacting with each other? What were they saying?
 - b. Structure: Could you figure out the group's norms, roles, status hierarchy, or communication patterns?
 - c. Cohesiveness: Did the group seem unified? What made them unified or not?

d. Identity: Do you think the members shared a sense of identity with one another?

e. Goals: What was the group's purpose?