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Authority and Conformity



Role of authority in social development



Ways in which society imposes authority

Type of Authority	Negative Authority	Positive Authority
Physical	Physical punishment, exile	Rights of inclusion, protection
Emotional	Ostracism, subordinate status	Acceptance, prestige
Mental	Indifference, scepticism	Recognition, respect

Conformity in the individual



Role of Conformity



Beyond a point, rigid conformity stifles growth

