
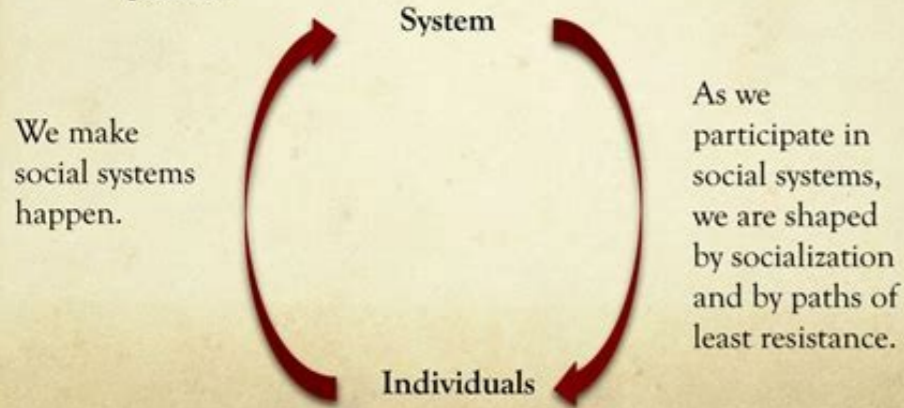


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Patriarchy: Systems and You

- Structure of patriarchy is found in the **unequal distribution of power** that makes **male privilege** possible, in patterns of male dominance in every facet of human life, from everyday conversation to global politics.



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