The concept, types and characteristics of small groups
Small social group

• Earlier studies on the study of small social groups - United States 20s of the 20th century. The results of the study:
  • Social facilitation - the presence of others facilitates the action of another, helps to accelerate affairs.
  • Social inhibition - the presence of others lowers the effect of the individual.
Stage 1
Social Facilitation, Social Inhibition
Stage 2
The study of the interactions of the individual in the group.
Stage 3
Identification of the characteristics of groups: structure, type of interaction.
• MG Yaroshevsyky studied small groups in Russian social psychology - 1974.
Small group boundaries

• A small group - a small group whose members are united by common social activities, are in direct personal contact, which is the basis for the emergence of emotional relationships, group norms and processes.
• The lower norm is 2-3 people.
• The upper rate of 20-30 people.
Types of small groups
• Conditional – artificially identified by the researcher associations of people.

• Real – really existing associations of people, fully consistent with the definition of a small group.
• Laboratory – created to conduct any scientific research.

• Natural – there are based on the needs of society or included in these groups of people.
• Formal - are created and exist within the framework of officially recognized organizations.

• Informal - arise and exist on the basis of the personal interests of participants.
• Highly developed - groups in which business and personal relationships are established, responsibilities are clearly defined, there are recognized leaders.

• Underdeveloped - there is no established business and personal relationships, and well-established responsibilities and leader.
• Reference - in which a person voluntarily identifies himself or of which he would like to become a member.

• Non-referential - does not matter for a person.
Researchers who studied small groups

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