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**5.01 Social Institutions**

**Part One:**

A Social institution isa set of organized beliefs and rules that establishes how a society will attempt to meet its basic social needs. For each of the following social institutions, tell what basic societal need you feel is being met by that institution:

1. **The Family:**
2. **Religion:**
3. **Education:**
4. **The Economy:**
5. **The Government:**
6. **Mass Media:**
7. **Voluntary Associations:**
8. **Sports:**
9. **Science and Medicine:**
10. **The Military:**

**Part Two:**

Functional theorists emphasize that social institutions exist because they perform five essential tasks. These tasks are listed below. Beside each task, name a social institution that you feel performs this task. Do not repeat any social institutions!

1. **Replacing members:**
2. **Teaching new members:**
3. **Producing, distributing, and consuming goods and services:**
4. **Preserving order:**
5. **Providing and maintaining a sense of purpose:**

**Part Three:**

Conflict theorists agree with functionalists that social institutions are originally organized to meet basic social needs. However, they do not believe that social institutions work for the common good of everyone in society. The example from the lesson involved the social institution of government having policies that benefit the wealthy, but hurt the poor. Choose another social institution (besides government) that you think works in conflict with the common good in society. List your institution below and tell who can be hurt by that institution and why.

1. **Social Institution (besides government):**
2. **How and why that social institution hurts certain people in society:**