Sample Definitions of Social Change

Developmental social change is change within an ongoing social system, adding to it or improving it rather than replacing some of its key elements (p. 2).

Reformulation of a social structure involving social system.

Control of deviant norms and behavior.

Dissolution, restructuring, and adaptation of a social structure, including its function and behavior.

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