

# ESSENTIALS OF NIGERIA Economy & Society:



## A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

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## CHAPTER ONE

# THE SOCIETY: A SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Sociology as a discipline is simply the systematic and scientific study of human behaviour, social groups and society. It is through the aid of sociological imagination one can better see the relationship between the individuals and the society in which they live. It is a sociological fact that everything from the most heroic and spectacular actions to the most mundane and taken-for-granted features of our existence, reflect the dynamic interplay between the individuals and society.

It therefore implies that sociologists look at certain concepts and everyday events a little differently from most people. What a simple and uninteresting world it would have been, if everybody is exactly the same, everyone look alike, act alike, talk alike, think alike and write alike. While it may sometimes be comforting to be around people with similar backgrounds and interests, the society is far more complex than that. We live in a society where variety is indeed the 'spice of life'.