

Counter forces and Social Transformation

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Barriers to Social Change: Barriers to social change are the obstacles in the rise and growth of social change in a society. In fact all the Institutions, Political, social, economic and Industrial create barriers to Social change. While tradition, customs, and usages etc also serious barrier to social change.

1. **Lack of Inventions and Innovations:** Invention is the **discovery of any new object**, instrument, method or system or any improvement or innovation in the existing instrument technology etc. Invention plays an important role in social change in human Society. By means of invention human beings find out new ways and modes of adjustment with their **natural and social environment**. This creates far reaching changes in social relationship.
 - i. New inventions are constantly made not only in **human living** but also in art, literature, recreation and religion.Ex: Television, motor cars are sufficient to show the far reaching influence of invention upon social life.
 - ii. If the inventions are slow the pace of **social change is also slow**. This may be seen in the difference in the **social life of developed**, developing and underdeveloped societies. In countries where inventions are opposed, progress is very slow.
2. **Cultural Barriers:** By nature preserve of traditions, customs, usages and **old way of life**. Cultural Barriers restrain social change.Ex:in India joint family system and caste system are serious obstacles to social change. Changes of **rituals, customs and traditions** are necessary before any social change is introduced. Democracy is impossible unless caste system is uprooted.

3. **Political Barriers:** These includes institutions such as forms of state, nature of government, power and politics etc.a change in these is necessary to welcome any far reaching social change. Monarchy are against social change.

4. **Economic Obstacles:** Poverty, Unemployment, is serious obstacles in social change. Rich people and capitalists are notorious for resisting the process of social change as they fear against their interests. Therefore neither poverty nor plenty are suitable conditions for social change.