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- Boundaries between social categories are established through group behavior, a process broadly known among sociologists as boundary work.
- One very specific type of boundary work is framing, whereas "boundary work involves defining categories in the social structure, and framing involves defining them in human cognition."
- Elite status groups have the most control over framing and promote frames that maintain their monopoly of resources.
- Those on the bottom resist these frames, so there is a constant push-and-pull that characterizes social interactions between groups.

