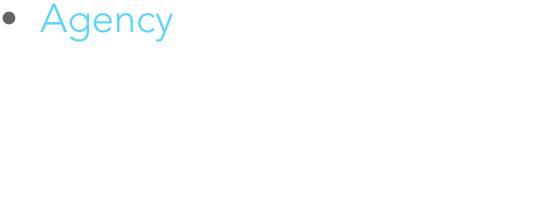


## AGENCY STRUCTURE





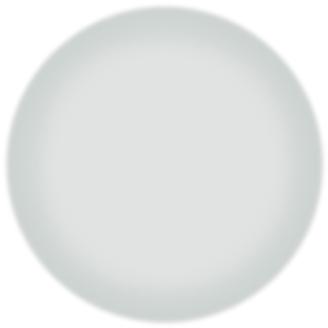
agency structure



## STRUCTURE vs. AGENCY















## AGENCY AND STRUCTURE



- Agency is the capacity of people to act independently and to make their own free choices.
- Social structures are wider social forces—patterns of established norms—that provide order to a society.
- How much of what you do is "agency" and how much is "structure"?

## AGENCY, STRUCTURE, AND INDIVIDUALISM

- Individualism hallmark of western modernity and especially American culture.
- Paradoxically, it's a social creation.
- We all negotiate our individual preferences with the collective interests of our society.
- In America, individualism is prized by society; thus, some people may feel encouraged to stand out from the crowd in certain ways.