
Exam 2

Terms:

Phonemes - smallest units of language (letters & their sounds)

Morphemes - smallest units of language that have semantic significance (meaning), two types

- Free - boy, girl... not dependent
- Bound - must be bound to free morph. "S" (boys)

Kinesics - study of body language, how people use the body, and info they convey

- situational/status dependent
- Touching among adults/children, states, various groups
- Situational & how one carries body, posture, clothes

Proxemics - study of use of space, public/private

- Personal space in US is about 3 ft
- Crowded elevators, cross cultural
- Greeting space in US about 12-20 ft

Cuckoldry - wife could be messing around, relates to insecure male theory

Affinal - kinship by marriage

Marasmus - disease, caloric deficiency, looks boney, living skeleton, super skinny, based in extreme poverty

Kwashiorkor- disease, protein deficiency, abdomen swelling, sores, rust tint to hair,

Polyandry - marriage type, one woman with multiple husbands, rare, depends on environment

Levirate - marriage type, if older brother dies, younger brother takes over

Orixas - many slaves in sent to Brazil worshipped deities called Orixas

Pirambu - favela in Fortaleza, poor

Berdache - Lacota word, men that acted like women, permanent role change

Chinampas - floating gardens

Sagali - exchange rituals, get help from other women in Dala, bundles and skirts, print and make their own money, festivals and parties, Yam competitions

Fictive Agents - every culture has their own made up characters, Boogeyman, in Brazil... Acuca - alligator with wings

Wafanu - star courses structured into rhymes

Engano - deceit/trickery, self fulfilling prophecy, best friend can become worst enemy because what they know about you

Chipil - folk illness, second child gets bad milk after first kid

Preto Velho - spirits of former slaves, helping spirits

Zombeteiro - cadaver spirit, sent as Encosto

Concepts

Human Universals - any cultural trait or institution that is found in all societies or cultures

Rites of Passage - rituals sanctioned by society to recognize new position

Loss of Estrus - Insecure male theory, human females have concealed ovulation, leads to inbreeding, destroyed alpha male system, men must compete for women

Types of marriage:

- Monogamy: one man, one woman, preferred in 25% of cultures

- Polygyny: one man, multiple wives, preferred in 71% of cultures
- Polyandry: one woman, multiple men, rare

Language attributes:

- Tremendous intraspecific diversity
- Language is based on symbols
- Multiplicity of patterning
- Displacement: ability to refer to something not present/abstract

Same Needs/Different solutions - everyone has similar needs (survival, subsistence, protection, enculturation), but different cultures have their own solutions

Avenues of enculturation - process of acquisition of culture

- Observation & Mimicry: language acquisition, clothing, gender roles
- Emulation of model behavior: high status figures
- Technical Instruction: taught, school
- Conditioning: fictive agents

Kin Terms - based on 3 lines

- Consanguineal - blood related
- Affinal - by marriage
- Fictive - clan with fictitious ancestor

Tracing Descent

- Patrilineal - father
- Matrilineal - by mother
- Bilateral - both lines

Cognitive Design Elements

- Detect & prefer central tendency: evolution & conformity
- Trust familiar/distrust foreign: war, aggression, slavery

Malinowski's Hypothesis - when a particular action is important to society, but it is risky and uncertain, there will be ritual and magic associated

Attributes of Religion - Polytheism & Monotheism, concerned with explanation of phenomena, humans place

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