

Groups within Society

Groups - people that have something in common

Aggregate - people who share the same space together
momentary

Category - things that have similar characteristics and
classified together

Primary group - people who shape your childhood and development
as an adult - Family
- Friends

Secondary group - people who share interests/activities/status
- Clubs, school

• Voluntary Association - A group of volunteers who
organize on the same basis of
some mutual interest (boy scouts)

- Inner Circle
- Iron Law of Oligarchy } Sometimes, key elite inner
circle members grow distant to
its members and only trust
themselves to make decisions

In Groups - treated with loyalty e.g. WWII Allies
Out Groups - treated with hostility Axis

Reference Groups - standards referred to when evaluating
ourselves e.g. peers within school, Amish

Clique - Clusters of people formed within a group