

WHAT IS Network?

Based on the work of Caroline Levine

HOW DO NETWORKS FUNCTION IN OUR WORLD?

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DISTINCT PATTERNS OF INTERCONNECTION

- "A set of connections that link elements"
- Provide the means to understand wholes, rhythms, etc.
- Afford connectivity

KEY TERMS

- Node
- Path length
- Network centrality
- Centrality
- Hubs
- Hinges

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NETWORKS IN SOCIETY

- Connected through people (school, work, church, etc.)
- Local or global, complex or simple

NETWORKS AND WHOLES

- Cultures are a network of "meanings, practices, and values that allow one to grasp [...] life."
- Networks are not fully self-sustained

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NETWORK, NETWORK, WHOLE

- Society is both organized and disorganized by the clashing of networks
- Overlapping networks impact the system in which they exist

NETWORKS IN ACTION

- Overlapping networks essentially collapsed America's early postal system
- It also obstructed print culture

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CONCLUSION

- Networks are a necessity in our society
- They will exist regardless of the system
- Too many networks can overlap and obstruct the system, causing its collapse