**Social control: the definition**

* Social Control is the ways in which society tries to ensure that it’s members do not break norms or commit crimes.
* Social control makes people conform to the rules of society.

**Informal Social Control:** Informal social control is how we are persuaded to conform through being taught what is acceptable. This happens through socialisation and occurs within:

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| **Type of Informal Social Control** | **How does it persuade people to obey rules?** | **Rewards/ Sanctions:** | **Example of the type of rule:** |
| The Family |  |  |  |
| Education |  |  |  |
| Peer Groups |  |  |  |
| Work |  |  |  |
| The Media |  |  |  |
| Religion |  |  |  |

**Formal Social Control:** Formal Social control is the creation of laws and rules to control people’s behaviour. The agencies of social control include:

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| **Type of Formal Social Control** | **How does it persuade people to obey rules?** |
| The Police |  |
| The Government |  |
| The Judiciary |  |
| The Penal System |  |