

Peter Berger and Mechanisms of Social Control  
*“When Things Don’t Work Out”*

- **Explicit Actual Legitimate Physical Violence**
- **Implicit or Explicit Threat of Legitimate Physical Violence (escalating)**
  - Incarceration*
  - House Arrest*
  - Parole*
- **Corollary Restriction of Movement/Freedom**
  - Society at large*
  - Occupations*
  - Groups*
  - Intimates*
  - (Degrees of Ostracism)*
- **Removal of Membership or Access**
- **Specific Mundane Rewards & Punishments (can be escalated)**
  - Trickery, Deceit, Conniving, Fraud*
  - Propaganda*
  - Myths, Articles of Faith*
  - Urban Legends, Popular Cultural Tales*
  - Rumors*
  - Old Wives Tales*
- **Control of Beliefs**
- **Withdrawal of Social Esteem**
- **Explicit Praise or Blame**
- **Ridicule**
- **Social Embarrassment, Discomfort**
- **Humor, Joking, Teasing**
- **Systems of Mutual Obligation, informal & formal**
- **Patching via Small Talk, Saving Face**
- **Unwitting (willful) Suspension of Doubt**

*(Note the parallel role of legitimation....)*

**IN ASCENDING ORDER (more or less):**

**SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*social currents*