

POLITICAL

Total participation in decisions that affect personal lives

- Patterns and institutions to organize and decide the collective life of a group
- Ex: Forms of government
 - democracy, dictatorship, military, socialistic, communistic
 - monarchy, oligarchy, hegemony
- Who decides? What? For whom?
- What decision-making process is used? Who has the power?

THEOLOGICAL

Creeds, beliefs, codes, behaviors, cults, rituals

- What religious beliefs or practices support the situation?
- What religious beliefs or practices challenge the situation?

ECONOMICAL

Production Distribution Consumption

- Patterns of ownership and decision-making about land, capital, technology, labor, resources
- Who owns? Who controls? Who pays? Who gets?

ECOLOGICAL

Earth is one living organism in which all life communities interact sustainably. Earth is in similar relationship to the cosmos.

- What values determine how Earth's gifts are used? Who sets those values?
- What are the human and ecological costs of consumerism and militarism? Are they factored into our economy, spirituality and lifestyle?
- Who suffers the most from ecological degradation?

CULTURAL

Sum total of ways of believing, thinking, feeling, and acting which constitutes what is called a "way of life"

- What values are evidenced?
- What do people believe?
- Who influences what people believe?

SECURITY

The way in which society protects itself

- When does defense become aggression / oppression?
- How does the military industry, foreign military aid and the military budget, impact domestic and international policy?
- Who controls it? Who benefits? Who suffers? What are nonviolent alternatives?

SOCIAL

How groups of people relate to one another .. ethnic, racial, class, age, sex

- Who is left out? What is the basis of exclusion?
- Who is included? What is the basis of inclusion?