

Glossary

Abstinence: In its purest form, the self-discipline (often faith-based) of avoiding an experience of sexuality except in a monogamous, permanent, opposite-gendered marriage with an intended openness to having or raising (more) children.

Aesthetic realism: An ethical philosophy, attributed to Eli Siegel, which stresses a person's learning to value, at an emotional level, things and people that are "real" rather than creations of fantasy.

Asymmetry: The capacity of one person or of a small group of people to leverage technology to achieve disproportionate influence over the general public.

Class: From computer science terminology, a work or piece of content of which copies can be made.

Dominion: A region in which people or sentient beings live in a manner isolated from other comparable regions. Human beings and orcas live in separate dominions.

Drogheda: An extended family homestead (as in the novel "The Thorn Birds").

Eusociality: The practice of living communally in a group, especially where only some members have offspring and others are expected to help support the children of biological parents and the common welfare of the group. The term is often applied to social animals.

Family slave: A person in an extended family who does not pursue his or her own chosen ends but spends most personal effort in taking care of other family members, despite (usually) not having married and had one's own children.

Filial responsibility law: A state law (or, provincial or national law in other countries) making adult offspring legally responsible for impoverished or disabled parents, and sometimes other blood relatives. A synonym is "poor law." About 30 states in the U.S. have these laws.

Generativity: The capacity of an individual to provide human capital for the future, especially after the end of the person's own life.

Immutability: The finding or notion that a personality or character trait is inborn biologically, whether by genetics, epigenetics, or congenital influences.

Implicit content: The apparent purpose, or intended reaction from others, of a content publisher for posting or distributing a controversial item.

Instance: A specific copy of a work described as a class. For example, a copy of a book is an instance, or a recording of a musical work is an instance. "My book" can mean either my copy of a book, or the book that I authored.

Radical hospitality: Readiness to take care of and house others after unforeseeable emergencies.

Reconciliation: A process by which beings belonging to separate dominions suddenly come into contact and communication. The term was invented by English author Clive Barker.

Spontaneous order: A process by which people tend to do what is right because of market influences, in the absence of government regulation.

Sustainability: The capacity of a society or culture to maintain its way of life indefinitely.

Upward affiliation: The psychological process by which an individual submits to another person and enjoys the relationship with the person only if he thinks that the person is “better” than he or she is.