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Primordial & Bureaucratic

- ***Primordial Principle:*** Kinship and its social approximations based on race, ethnicity, nationality, and religion should matter when delegating rights and responsibilities to act on behalf of the interests of children.
- ***Bureaucratic Principle:*** Rights and responsibilities should not be ascribed but achieved based on a clinical assessment of children's needs and impartial selection of the principal-agent relationship that best advance their well-being.



Scope of Public Interest

- ***Narrow:*** Public intervention into autonomous family life is justified *only if* the basic conditions for children's safe and healthy development are jeopardized.
- ***Diffuse:*** Public intervention is justified *whenever* it advances children's future well-being and capacity to become agents of their own economic and social interests as adults.
- ***Intermediate:*** Public intervention is justified *when needed* to support, supplement, or substitute for social relationships that make accessible to children the resources necessary for safe development and future well-being.



Forms of Capital

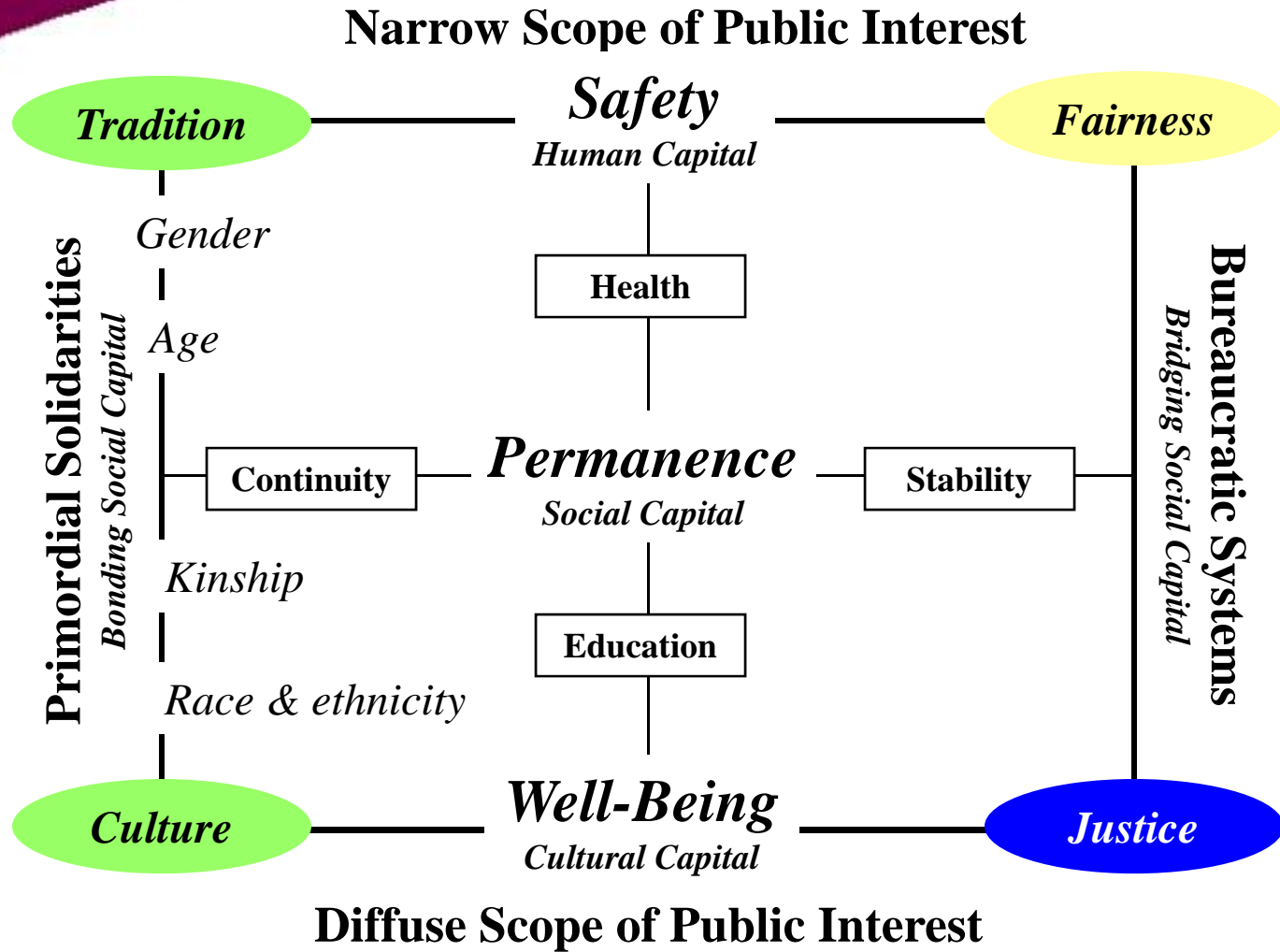
- ***Human Capital:*** Basic conditions of bodily integrity, health, and stamina that are necessary for biological reproduction and physical labor.
- ***Cultural Capital:*** Skills, expertise, education, and credentials that enable children to become agents of their own economic and social well-being as adults.
- ***Social Capital:*** Reliable relationships that make accessible to children those resources necessary for their safe development and future well-being.



Types of Social Capital

- ***Bonding Social Capital:*** Strong ties of enforceable trust and bounded solidarity that make resources available to children by virtue of their status and membership in a group.
- ***Bridging Social Capital:*** Weak ties of generalized reciprocity and ethical responsibility that extend children's access to diverse and expert sources of human, cultural, and financial capital.

Analytic Framework



CFSR Framework

Cycle of Child Welfare Outcomes

