

## **Elements of Social Action**

Talcott Pason's five elements of Social action.

**The Actor:** It is that individual who performs an act. The actor can be one or more persons.

**The Goal:** It is the aim or objective for which the action was done. Without goal, an action is futile and baseless.

**Social Situation:** The actor performs his role in presence of some situation. While this situation is a continuously occurring group event spread in space and time and this situation instigates the actor to action. To control the situation he does an act. Therefore, a situation is an agent of social action. There are two types of situation; Controllable and Uncontrollable situation.

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**Normative Orientation:** It is performed on some social pattern, custom. All these forms are called norms of society. The pattern on which it is done is called norm.

**Energy:** Social action require energy for its performance. Physical energy and training are essential for an act.