How does context shape our world?

Context can be represented as a series of systems that shape our experience of the world.

Macro-system refers to influences that may be quite removed from individual control such as changes in economies, international relations, global conflict (eg terrorism).

Meso-system refers to influences that are less personal, more public – agencies such as the media, government and entertainment organisations.

Micro-system refers to immediate and early influences such as families, friendships, peer groups and neighbourhood institutions, for example schools and churches.

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