

TOLERANCE OF DEVIATIONS

Deviations from the norm may be good, bad, or indifferent. A social system should encourage good deviations, tolerate ~~bad ones~~ indifferent ones, and also those that harm only the deviant individuals. The control mechanism for good deviations is positive feedback, for bad ones negative feedback. In other words, the outcomes should affect positively the/good deviants, and negatively the inputs on bad deviants. Such mechanisms will ensure that good innovations are incorporated into the system and bad ones rejected. The system will then be able to advance (make progress), i.e. it will evolve instead of remaining stagnant (in a steady state).

