

## DEFINITIONS OF LAW

- 1) “The prophecies of what the courts will do in fact, and nothing more pretentious, are what I mean by the law.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes

- 2) “Law is the specific result of the configuration of obligations, which makes it impossible for the native to shirk his responsibility without suffering for it in the future.”

Bronislaw Kasper Malinowski

- 3) The maintenance or establishment of social order, within a territorial framework by exercise of coercive authority through the use, or the possibility of use, of physical force.”

Radcliffe-Brown

- 4) “An order will be called law if it is externally guaranteed by the probability that coercion (physical or psychological), to bring about conformity or avenge violation, will be applied by a staff of people holding themselves specially ready for that purpose.”

Max Weber