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Description: Welcome to this Sociology of the Family Free Online textbook. I am the author and have worked for over a year writing this textbook so that students can have a free alternative to the expensive textbooks currently being sold in campus bookstores. I have taught Sociology of The Family for over 20 years and have a Ph.D. in Family Studies from Brigham Young University (Class of 1991). I have taught thousands of students how to understand the family using sociology as a framework for gaining insight and expertise in their study of the family. Most of my students did not continue on in the field of family studies. A few are professors in their own right and others are therapist practicing in their communities.

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Sociology of the family is a branch of sociology studying the construction and role of families, as well as the relations both within the domestic sphere and outward into the work sphere. For this purpose sociologists use a very broad definition of family; one source renders it "an intimate domestic group made up of people related to one another by bonds of blood, sexual mating, or legal ties". researchers of sociology of the family such as P. Sorokin, E. Giddens, E. Durkheim, J. Murdoch, U. Burgess, Le Ple, R. Hill, T. Parsons, U. Goode, H. Spencer, D. Popenoe, K. Zimmermann, Z. Freud, J. Moreno, G. Homans, P. Blau, M. Weber, J. Habermas, M. Archer, A. and G. Myrdal In sociology of the family, the function of "familism" represents to study the quality of. the family, community and other social institutions, to create a comprehensive survey of the. scientific models for surveying family issues, which are able to reflect on community, as well as. family, sociology of The family is an intimate domestic group made up of people related to one another by bonds of blood, sexual mating, or legal ties. It has been a very resilient social unit that has survived and adapted through time. Yet, on both sides of the Atlantic, there have been loud claims that families are in decline, and there have even been those who welcome the so-called demise of the family, because it is viewed as an oppressive and bankrupt institution. Sociological Perspectives on Family. The Functionalist Perspective. Functionalists view the family unit as a construct that fulfills important functions and keeps society running smoothly. Learning Objectives. Explain the social functions of the family through the perspective of structural functionalism. Key Takeaways. Key Points. Functionalists identify a number of functions families typically perform: reproduction; socialization; care, protection, and emotional support; assignment of status; and regulation of sexual behavior through social norms. Sociology of Motherhood. In many cultures, especially in a traditional western one, a mother is usually the wife in a married couple. Her role in the family is celebrated on Mother's Day. Sociology of the family is a subfield of the subject of sociology, in which researchers and academics evaluate family structure as a social institution and unit of socialization from various sociological perspectives. It is usually included in the general education of tertiary curriculum, since it is usually an illustrative example of patterned social relations and group dynamics.