

Paper 1 Study Guide

The Nature and Role of Family

Functionalist: Family serves a positive function for society

Major Theories and Theorists	Strengths of the Perspective	Critique of the Perspective
<p>George Murdock</p> <p>Talcott Parsons</p>		

Marxist: Family serves the needs of capitalism

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Freidrich Engels Ian Zaretsky Louis Althusser		

The New Right: The nuclear family is the bedrock of society

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Charles Murray		

Feminism: The family is a source of exploitation against women

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Marxist Feminist Radical Feminists Liberal Feminists		

Postmodernism: Family structures are becoming more diverse (less structured)

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Judith Stacey O'Brien and Jones (1996)		