Family Definitions and Perspectives 1

- **Functionalist**
  - **Fletcher**
    - Core functions
      - Procreation
      - Child-Rearing
      - Regulation of Sexual Behaviour
      - Provision of a home
      - Socialisation
    - Non-essential functions
      - Consumption
      - Basic education
      - Health care
      - Recreation
  - **Parsons**
    - Primary socialisation
    - Stabilisation of adult personalities
- **Marxist**
  - Conflict
    - Inequalities
      - Maintains
      - Reproduces
    - Benefits powerful groups
      - Men
        - Domination
          - Violent institutio
        - Exploitation
          - Channelling
          - Legitimising
      - Capitalists
        - Free family services
          - Raising children
      - Safety valve
        - Male frustration
      - Stabilising force
      - Consumers
- **New Right**
  - Traditional family
    - Relationships
      - Heterosexual
      - Married
    - Structure
      - 2 Parents
        - Male and female
- **Feminist**
  - Exploitation
    - Traditional gender roles
      - Enforced
      - Reinforced
    - Patriarchal
      - Private sphere
    - Capitalist
      - Public sphere
      - Reserve army of labour
  - Oppression
    - Responsibilities
      - Domestic labour
      - Child care
      - Service functions
    - Roles
      - Dual role
        - Paid workers
        - Unpaid housewives
      - Triple shift
        - Duncombe and Marsden
        - Emotional labour
        - Paid labour
        - Unpaid labour
      - Service roles
- **Postmodern**
  - Families
    - Diversity
      - Behaviour
      - Lifestyles
    - Choice
    - Unique
      - Relationships
      - Difficult to define
  - Personal narratives
  - Permeable Family
    - Traditional
    - Nuclear
    - Two-parent working
    - Single-parent
    - Blended
    - Surrogate mother

Family Definitions and Perspectives 2

- **Inclusive**
  - **Weiss**
    - Small
    - Socialisation
  - **Giddens**
    - Kin connections
    - Adults
      - Child care
    - General relationships
      - Affinity
        - Custom
          - Marriage
          - Cohabitation
      - Kinship
        - Biology
      - Broad definition
  - **Goldthorpe**
    - Networks
      - Related kin
    - Social process
      - Labels
        - Mum
        - Dad
      - Values
        - Natural parents raise children
      - Norms
        - Marriage
        - Cohabitation
      - Functions
        - Primary socialisation
- **Exclusive**
  - **Murdock**
    - Social group
    - Common residence
    - Economic co-operation
    - Adults of both sexes
      - Socially-approved sexual relationship
      - Monogamy
      - Polygamy
    - One or more children
      - Own or adopted
    - relationships
      - Reproducti
      - Socialisatio
    - Problems?
      - Children?
      - Homosexual familie
      - Common residence
  - Specific characteristics
    - Narrow definition
- **Household**
  - Group
    - Common residence
      - Students
      - Commune
    - Not kin
  - Single person