

Chapter 12 - The family

Family Systems

Family - group of people who are related by marriage, blood, or adoption

nuclear family - one or both parents and their children



Extended family - 3 or more generations sharing the same residence



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Kinship - nuclear and extended belong to larger system

Primary relatives - members of orientation and procreation

ex. mom, brother, husband

Secondary relatives

ex. grandparents, in-laws, aunts, nephews

Tertiary relatives

ex. great-grandparents, cousins

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Marriage and kinship Patterns

Marriage - set of norms that specifies the ways in which family structure should be organized

Between man and woman

Monogamy

Non-related

18 unless parental consent

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Monogamy - only allowed to marry one person at a time



Polygamy - marriage with multiple partners

Polygyny - a man is permitted to marry more than 1 wife at a time

Polyandry - a woman is permitted to marry more than 1 husband at a time




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Residential Patterns

Patrilocality - couple is expected to live with/near the husband's parents

Matrilocality - couple is expected to live with/near the wife's parents

Bilocality - allows the couples to choose to live with/near which family


 Neolocality - couple can set up apart from both families

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Descent Patterns

• Patrilineal descent - trace kinship through father's family (property passed from father to son)

Matrilineal descent - trace kinship through mother's family (property from mother to daughter)

 Bilateral descent - kinship is traced through both (property inherited from either side)

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Authority Patterns

- Patriarchal system - father holds authority
- Matriarchal system - mother holds authority
- Egalitarian system - both mother/father share

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Functions of the family

- Regulation of sex
 - incest taboo - norm forbidding sex between certain relatives
 - U.S. 21 states allow marriage of 1st cousin
- Reproduction - depends on society
 - some expect big families, others replacement
- Socialization - taught the ways of society from family
- Economic and Emotional Security

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Saudi girl, 8, divorces 50-year-old husband

He paid \$13,000 to father to marry her; out-of-court settlement in case

Associated Press
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CAIRO - An 8-year-old Saudi girl has divorced her middle-aged husband after her father forced her to marry him last year in exchange for about \$13,000, her lawyer said Thursday.

Saudi Arabia has come under increasing criticism at home and abroad for permitting child marriages. The United States, a close ally of the conservative Muslim kingdom, has called child marriage a "clear and unacceptable" violation of human rights.

The girl was allowed to divorce the 50-year-old man after an out-of-court settlement had been reached in the case, said her lawyer, Abdullah al-Jeteli. The exact date of the divorce was not immediately known. They were married in August.



More on Osama bin Laden's family

Intimate look at the Bin Ladens

Images: Rare family photos

Mideast/North Africa video

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The American Family

- Homogamy - most choose mates with similar education, age, religion, economic status
- Heterogamy - marriage between individuals who have different characteristics

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Marital Satisfaction

- chance increase based on the following
 - parents are successfully married
 - known each other for at least 2 years
 - getting married at an older age
 - holding traditional values
 - engagement free from conflict
 - being of same race/religion
 - having a college education
 - having parents approval of marriage

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Family Disruption

- 25% of the murders in the U.S. involve family
- 28% of women killed by their husbands and or boyfriends
- 1.6 million wives are seriously abused by husbands each year
- 7 million have at least one physical fight each year
- 1.5 million children are severely assaulted by adults each year
- over 1/2 of all recent marriages will end in divorce

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Brother Kills Brother in Sad But True Video Game Story

July 17, 2007



It doesn't get much sadder than this.

Philadelphia's 6-ABC has a video report on a 13-year-old boy who stabbed his older brother to death in a dispute over an unspecified video game on Sunday. From the report:

The 13-year-old allegedly stabbed his older brother twice with a steak knife. The blade pierced 16-year-old Anwan Ricks in the heart and lung... Police believe the stabbing occurred during a dispute over a video game that became physical.

Although we don't even know the game being played, there are surely some who will rush to turn this into a video game violence issue. However, Lansdowne Police Chief Daniel Kortan seemed to rule out any game inspiration in the grisly, tragic events:

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Boy Stabs Sister Over Chicken Pot Pie

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MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — A 12-year-old boy stabbed his sister in the arm in an argument over a chicken pot pie, authorities said.

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Teenage boy murdered his brother as revenge when his Xbox was taken away

Last updated at 16:41 01 August 2007

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Police: Mother Kills Child, Then Attempts Suicide

Faces Murder, Aggravated Assault Charges

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Palestinian Father Buries Divorced Daughter Alive in Honor Killing

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A Palestinian father has been arrested for the murder of his 24-year-old daughter after he buried her alive in an honor killing. Police are investigating whether her four brothers assisted the over seventy-year-old father in the crime. It is only the latest of such honor killings in the Middle East, though

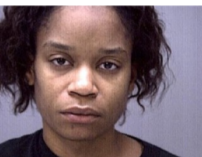
(unlike Pakistan) authorities appear to have reacted quickly to the crime.

The murder follows the burying alive of four women in Pakistan — an act supported by a legislator in that country, [click here](#).

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Ohio Jury Convicts Mom in Microwaved-Baby Case

Ohio jurors reject defense's claims of evidence that someone else was responsible



This photo provided by the Montgomery County Sheriff's office shows China Arnold, 26, of Dayton... (Montgomery County Sheriff's Office/AP Photo)

Prosecutors said Arnold intentionally put her baby in the microwave oven and cooked the child to death after a fight with her boyfriend.

Arnold's cellmate testified that Arnold confessed to putting the baby in the microwave and turning it on because she was worried her boyfriend would leave her if he found out the child wasn't his.

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BOUND, BEATEN, BURNED GAL'S 2-WEEK HORROR

By JAME SCHRAM, C.J. SULLIVAN and JENNIFER FERMINO

A Brooklyn woman was held captive for two weeks by a jealous boyfriend who tied her to a baby crib in his apartment, beat her with an electric cord and repeatedly burned her with a curling iron, sources said yesterday.

Jason Page, 34, apparently snapped when he suspected his 22-year-old girlfriend was seeing another man, the sources said.

"I'm so scared he's going to come after me. I'm afraid he's going to make bail," a battered Denetria Council told The Post from her room at Woodhull Hospital.



BEFORE THE NIGHTMARE: Denetria Council with boyfriend Jason Page, now accused of torturing her.

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Woman Pried From Boyfriend's Toilet After Sitting on It for 2 Years

Ness County Sheriff Bryan Whipple said it appeared the 35-year-old Ness City woman's skin had grown around the seat. She initially refused emergency medical services but was finally convinced by responders and her boyfriend that she needed to be checked out at a hospital.

"We pried the toilet seat off with a pry bar and the seat went with her to the hospital," Whipple said. "The hospital removed it."

Whipple said investigators planned to present their report Wednesday to the county attorney, who will determine whether any charges should be filed against the woman's 36-year-old [boyfriend](#).

"She was not glued. She was not tied. She was just physically stuck by her body," Whipple said. "It is hard to imagine. ... I still have a hard time imagining it myself."

He told investigators he brought his girlfriend food and water, and asked her every day to come out of the bathroom.

"And her reply would be, 'Maybe tomorrow,'" Whipple said. "According to him, she did not want to leave the bathroom."

The boyfriend called police on Feb. 27 to report that "there was something wrong with his [girlfriend](#)," Whipple said, adding that he never explained why it took him two years to call.

Police found the clothed woman sitting on the toilet, her sweat pants down to her mid-thigh. She was "somewhat disoriented," and her legs looked like they had atrophied, Whipple said.

"She said that she didn't need any help, that she was OK and did not want to leave," he said.

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Florida boys plead guilty to murder

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Two boys accused of bludgeoning their father to death with a baseball bat pleaded guilty to reduced charges and got up to eight years in prison Thursday after a judge threw out their convictions and spared them a much harsher sentence.



Derek King, left, and his brother Alex were originally found guilty of second-degree murder for killing their father, Terry.

AP photos

In strong, clear voices, Derek King, 14, and his brother, Alex, 13, admitted to third-degree murder as well as arson, for burning down the house around their father's body last year.

Derek was sentenced to eight years in prison, Alex seven — well below the 12 1/2-year minimum specified under state guidelines.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell read new sworn statements from both boys, similar to confessions they gave police but later recanted.

"Alex suggested that I kill dad," Derek said in his statement. "I murdered my dad with an aluminum baseball bat. I set the house on fire from my dad's bedroom."

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Children and Domestic Violence

Although the issues of domestic violence and child abuse are often separated, a growing body of research suggests that child abuse and domestic violence are linked within families.

Facts

- Children in violent homes are abused at a rate of a 1500% higher than the national average.
- ~~Most of all boys, ages 11 to 20~~ who commit murder, kill the man who was abusing their mother
- Children from violent homes have higher risks of alcohol/drug abuse and juvenile delinquency
- ~~Boys who witness domestic violence are more likely to batter~~ their female partners than boys raised in non-violent homes.
- Domestic violence is a major factor that contributes to the problems of teenage runaways and homeless street youth.
- The range of problems among children who witness parental violence include psychosomatic disorders, such as stuttering, anxiety, fear, sleep disruption and school problems.
- ~~Children 5 or older have a tendency to identify with the aggressor and lose respect for the victim.~~

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Ga. Couple Gets 40 Years In Child Abuse Case

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WATKINSVILLE, Ga. -- A judge in Oconee County has sentenced a couple to 40 years in prison after a jury convicted them on charges they locked her 12-year-old son naked in a closet, shot him with a pellet gun, pepper-sprayed him and deprived him of food.

The jury convicted 36-year-old Damita Devonna Peak and 39-year-old Norris Lazarus Walker on Thursday of false imprisonment, child cruelty and battery.

The verdict capped a 10-day trial in which jurors heard from the boy and his younger brother, school officials, doctors, police officers and the defendants.

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The Jacksonville Boy

On 14 January 2005 the Jacksonville Department of Children and Families responded to an anonymous hotline complaint and visited an address in Fallohide Lane, Jacksonville, Florida, USA where they were "disgusted and outraged by the condition of the children" at that address.

Psychosocial dwarfism

One boy of 17 gave the greatest cause for concern. He was found wearing a nappy and appeared to be very developmentally delayed: in fact, according to a later evaluation at the Children's Crisis Centre, he was suffering from [psychosocial dwarfism](#) and starvation. He was estimated to be as tall as a nine year old child and, at 22 Kg, the same weight as a six year old.

The 17 year old boy had been in the care of his adoptive parents, Wilson (55) and Brenda Sullivan (48), for 10 years. In the two months following his discovery, he gained 13 Kg and grew over 1 cm in height.

Unable to talk

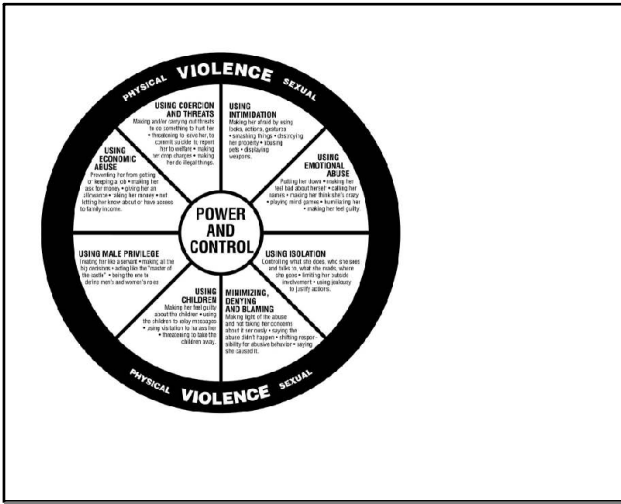
The police also said that when found "he couldn't talk, he could only grunt".

Kept in a crib

According to the arrest docket for Mrs Sullivan, the investigation revealed that the child "had to sleep in a large crib with a wood framed top locked down with a chain and padlock on one side". For the Jacksonville police department, Lieutenant Susan Bowen said: "At the age of 7 he had a prescription for a special crib bed but it had been modified outside of the prescription."

As is common in such cases, other children of the couple — the family included seven children, one biological and the rest adopted — appeared to have a normal childhood, and neighbours say they regularly played in the street with other children. However, a further two children were also taken into custody.

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This wheel was created by the Domestic Violence Project, Duluth, Minnesota. I scanned the image from the Domestic and Dating Violence Information and Resource Handbook (created by the Metropolitan King County Council, Washington).

- Using Intimidation - Making her afraid by using looks, actions, gestures. Smashing things. Destroying her property. Abusing pets. Displaying weapons.
- Using Emotional Abuse - Putting her down. Making her feel bad about herself. Calling her names. Making her think she is crazy. Playing mind games. Humiliating her. Making her feel guilty.
- Using Isolation - Controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to, what she reads, where she goes. Limiting her outside involvement. Using jealousy to justify actions.
- Using Children - Making her feel guilty about the children. Using the children to relay messages. Using visitation to harass her. Threatening to take the children away.
- Using Economic Abuse - Preventing her from getting or keeping a job. Making her ask for money. Giving her an allowance. Taking her money. Not letting her know about or have access to family income.
- Using Coercion and Threats - Making and/or carrying out threats to do something to hurt her. Threatening to leave her, to commit suicide, to report her to welfare. Making her drop charges. Making her do illegal things.
- Minimizing, Denying, and Blaming - Making light of the abuse and not taking her concerns seriously. Saying the abuse didn't happen. Shifting responsibility for abusive behavior. Saying she caused it.
- Using Male Privilege - Treating her like a servant. Making all the big decisions. Acting like the 'master of the castle'. Being the one to define men's and women's roles.

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Family violence serious problem for all social classes and racial/ethnicity groups

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Trends in American Family Life changing over time

- Delayed marriages due to education/career building
- cohabitation - couples live together w/o marriage
- Delayed childrearing
- Dual-Earner Marriages
- Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993
- *may take up to 12 weeks for newborn (unpaid)

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One parent families
Robert S. Weiss

1. responsibility overload - care taking and decision making
2. task overload - work/home management
3. Emotional overload

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One parent families cont.

Poverty

- 45% of female headed households are below poverty lines
- 1/2 of fathers that should pay don't pay fully
- 1/4 don't pay at all

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Remarriage
blended families - stepfamilies
¼ of children live in stepfamilies

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