

INSTITUTIONS: MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Part I

What is a Family?

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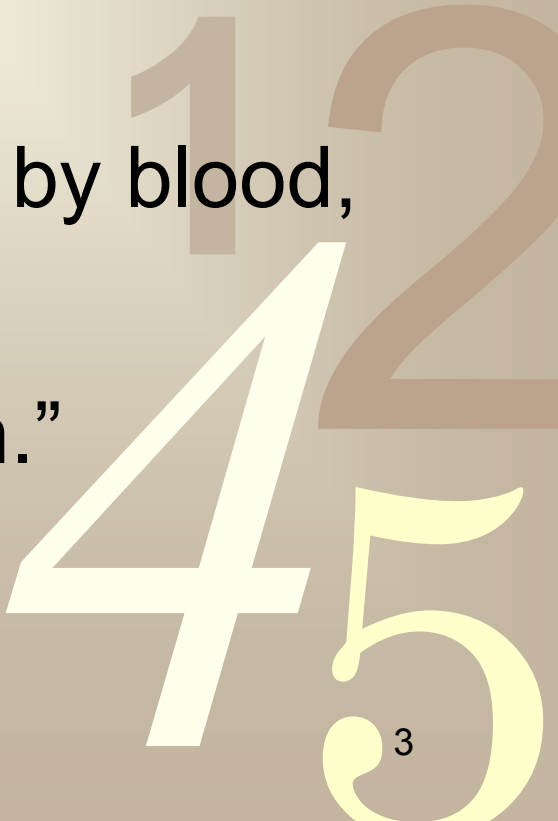
- In US - One Woman, Man and Children
- Other Cultures Polygamy and Polyandry
- Approved Group into which a Child is

Born?

Family Defined

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“A family consists of people who
consider themselves related by blood,
marriage or adoption.”



Family Can Be...

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- Nuclear
- Extended
- Family of Orientation
- Family of Procreation



What is Marriage?

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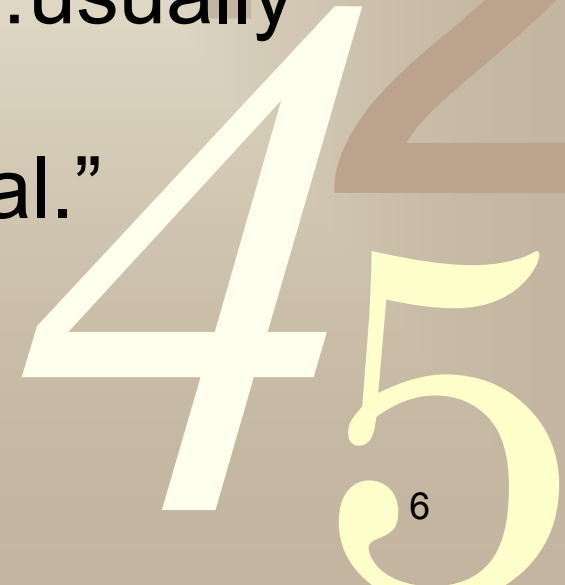
- Until Recently... Taken for Granted
- Acceptance of Same-Sex Marriages
- Must be Alive?



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“Marriage is a group’s approved
mating arrangement...usually
marked by a ritual.”



Common Cultural Themes

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Families Establish Patterns of...

- Mate Selection
- Descent
- Inheritance
- Authority
 - Patriarchy
 - Matriarchy
 - Egalitarian



Marriage and Family in Theoretical Perspective

Functionalist

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- Economic Production
- Socialization of Children
- Care of Sick and Aged



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- Recreation
- Sexual Control
- Reproduction



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- Functions of the Incest Taboo
- Isolation and Emotional Overload

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Conflict

- Struggles between Wives and Husbands
- Power Struggle over...
 - Housework
 - Child Care
 - Money
 - Attention
 - Respect
 - Sex



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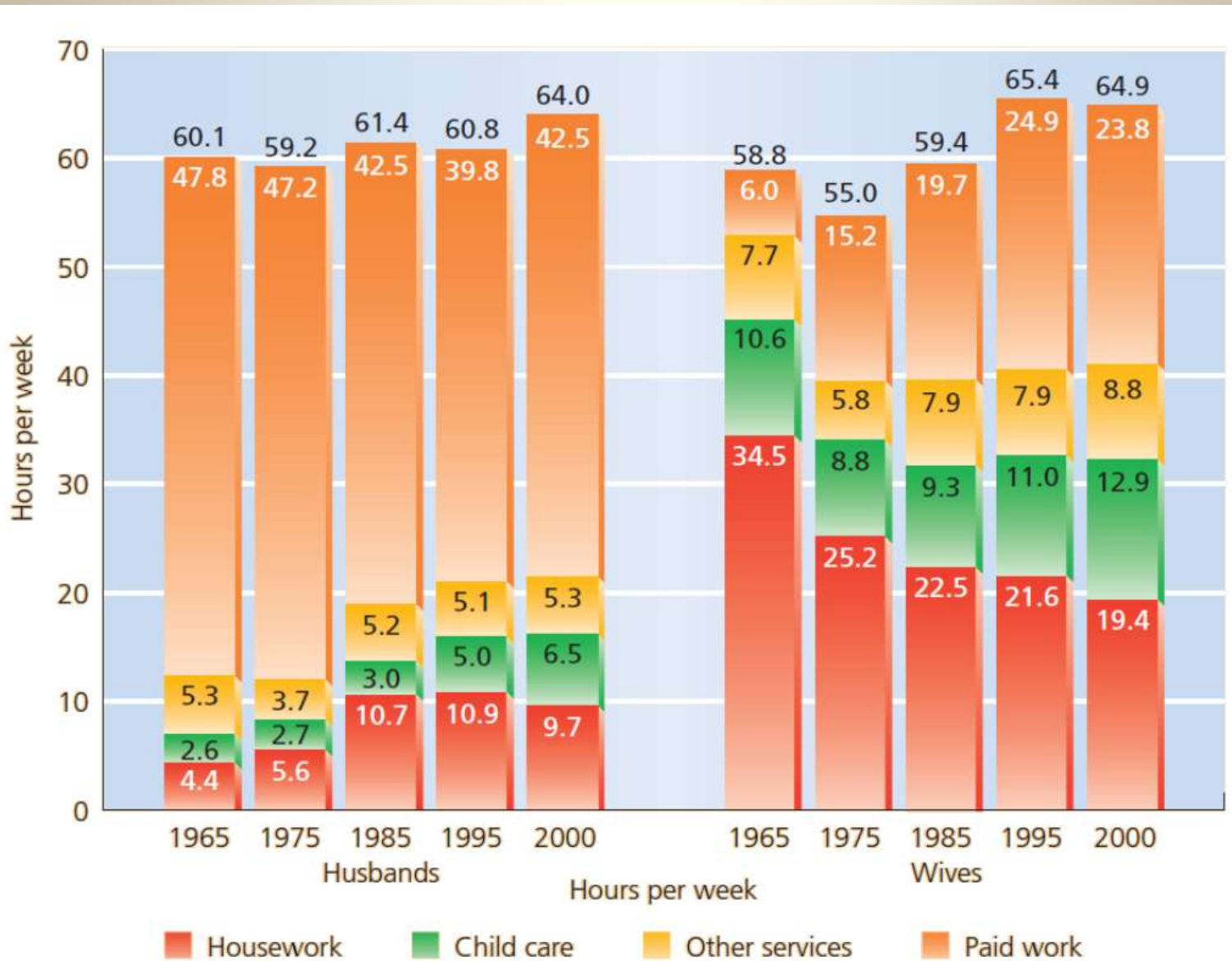
Symbolic Interaction

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- Gender, Housework and Child Care
- Gender Division of Labor



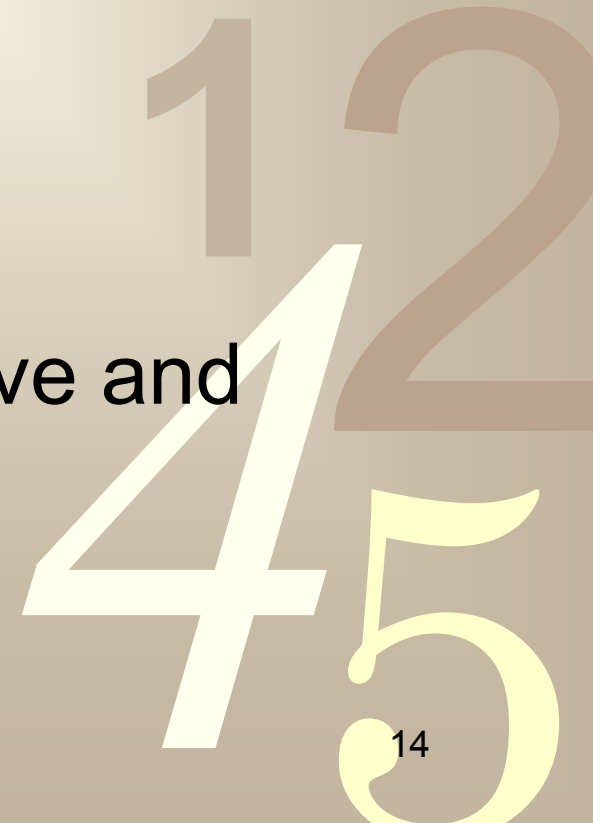
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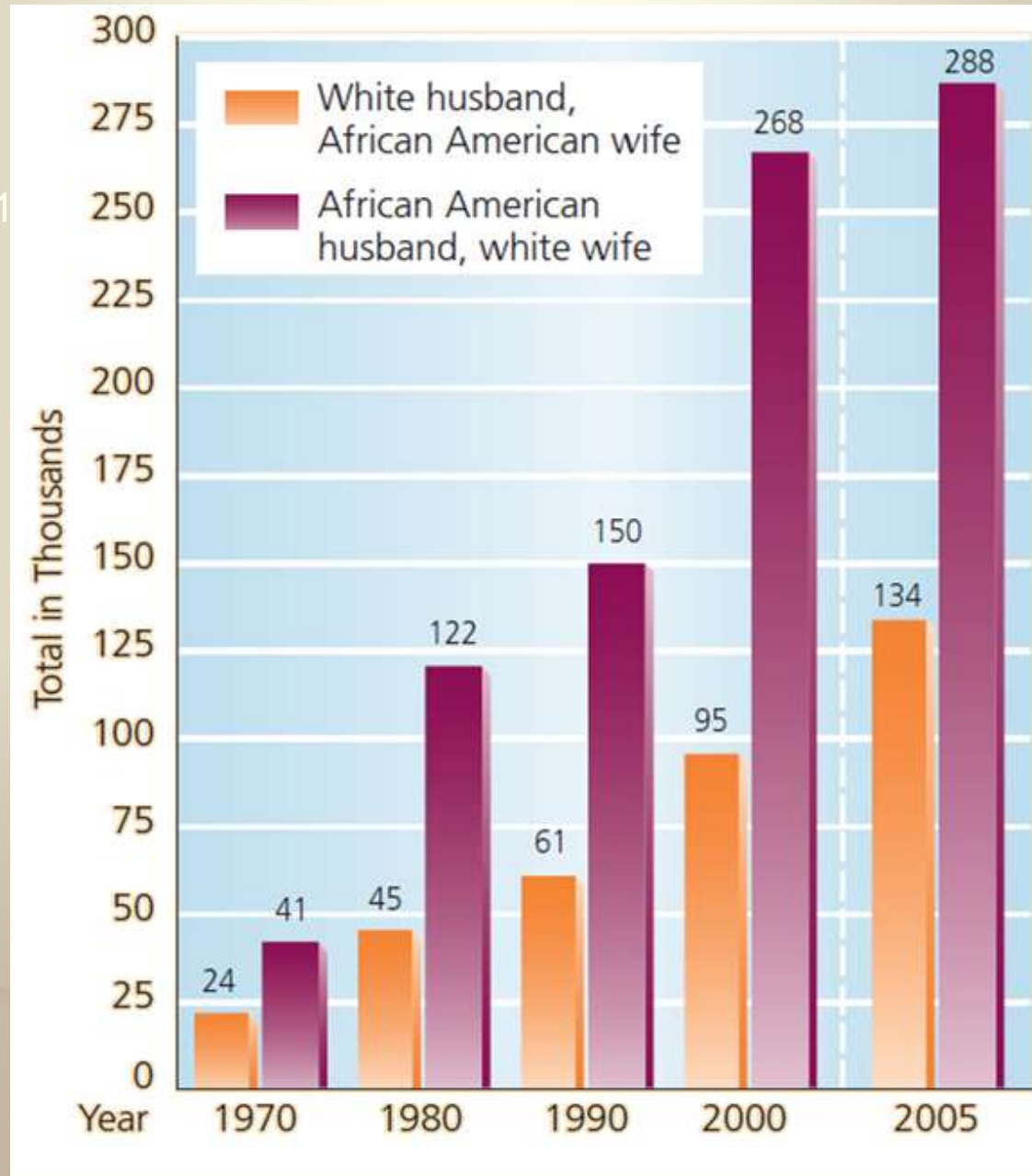
The Family Life Cycle

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- Love and Courtship in Global Perspective
- Marriage
 - Social Channels of Love and Marriage
 - Homogamy



Marriages Between Whites & African Americans



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Childbirth

- Marital Satisfaction Decreases
- Additional Complications



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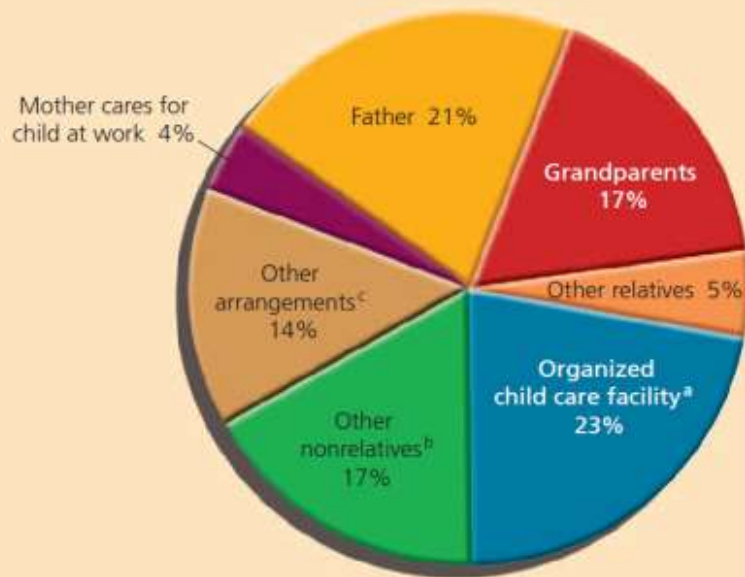
Child Rearing

- Married Couples and Single Mothers
- Day Care
- Nannies
- Social Class

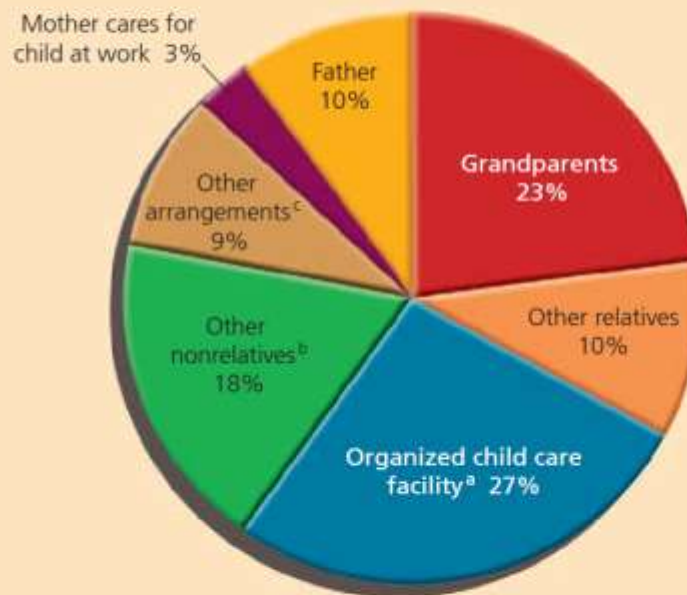


Who Takes Care of Preschoolers While Their Mothers Are At Work?

MARRIED COUPLES



SINGLE MOTHERS



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Family Transitions

- Adulthood and the Not-So-Empty Nest
- Widowhood

