

## **SOC 212 (Marriage and Family): Key Term Study Guide 3**

Gender convergence  
Revolving door generation  
Sandwich generation  
Elderly population  
Gerontologist  
Medicaid  
Medicare  
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Child abuse  
Domestic violence  
Foster care  
Incest  
Frustration-aggression perspective  
Social exchange perspective  
Social learning perspective  
Alimony/ Maintenance  
Annulment  
Kanuri of Nigeria (p. 407)  
Era of divorce tolerance  
Era of restricted divorce  
Era of unrestricted divorce  
Joint Legal Custody  
Joint Physical Custody  
Legal Custody  
No-fault divorce  
Parallel parenting  
Bilateral kinship  
Intimate outsider  
Remarriage chain  
Stepfamily  
*Bowers v. Hardwick (1986); Lawrence v. Texas (2003)*  
Louisiana Covenant Marriage Act of 1997  
Myths of marriage (class notes)

**All Cherlin graphs and figures\*\*\*\*\***

**All Class Handouts---Focus Questions**

### **Short Essays**

- 1) How has grandparenthood changed over the past century?
- 2) How has the standard of living of the elderly changed in America since 1950?

- 3) Who in the average American family provides the primary care for the frail elderly today and why is this source of elderly care expected to diminish in the future?
- 4) How does the research reviewed in class reinforce the claim that married people, on average, are happier, healthier (live longer), and have better sex lives than do single persons, on average? What accounts for these rather dramatic differences between single and married persons?
- 5) What is the extent of violence against women by intimate partners in the United States?
- 6) What is the extent of child abuse in America today?
- 7) Why does domestic violence occur as frequently as it does?
- 8) What is the history of divorce in the United States and other Western nations?
- 9) What social and individual factors are associated with a greater likelihood of divorce?
- 10) What are the short-term effects of divorce on children?
- 11) In brief, how does John Gray say that men and women differ in terms of how they cope with stress? What does John Gray mean when he states that men and women speak the same language but they have different meanings? Finally, how is it that John Gray argues that the differences between average men and women have a net positive force on relationships?
- 12) How do stepparents, parents, and children go about building a stepfamily?
- 13) How does the well-being of children in stepfamilies compare to the well-being of children in other kinds of families?
- 14) How have increases in divorce, remarriage, and related trends altered family life?
- 15) According to Cherlin, what are the two most fundamental changes in the American family over the past half-century?
- 16) On what grounds does Sara McLanahan conclude that the trend towards increasing percentages of single parent families in the US is a cause for concern? What problems does she see as being related to this trend? What solution does she advocate for achieving greater equality between men and women in our society?
- 17) Evaluate the myth that "marriage benefits men more than women". On what basis might this myth be defended and on what basis might it be rebutted?