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WHAT IS A FIMALY

According to sociologist, the family is an intimate domestic group of people related to one another by bonds of blood, sexual mating or legal ties. It has been a very resilient social unit that has survived and adapted through time.

The United States Census Bureau (2007) defines the family as a relatively permanent group of two or more people who are related by blood, marriage or adoption and who live under the same roof.

FUNCTIONS OF A FAMILY

STABLE SATISFACTION OF SEXUAL NEEDS: This can be seen as one of the most important functions of the family. If sexual satisfaction is not carried out, it wouldn’t lead to procreation. The family has been performing these functions since the inception of human civilization .it is well known as sexual urge. This is the primary duty of the family. The satisfaction of sex instinct brings the desire for long partnership of husband and wife.

PROCREATION AND REARING OF CHILDREN

When there is satisfaction of stable sexual urge, its results to procreation. The family provides the necessary arrangement of stable satisfaction of sexual urge resulted in procreation. By performing this function of procreation family contributes to the continuity of family and ultimately human race. Family is the only place where the function of child rearing is better performed. It provides food, shelter, affection, protection and security to all members. It plays a role in the socialization of a child.

PROVISION OF HOME

Family performs a very important function of providing a home for common living to all members. It’s only in a home that children are born and brought up. In a home all members of the family live together and the children is brought up under the strict vigilance of all its members. All the family members need a home to live happily with comfort, peace and protection. A home provides emotional and psychological support to all its members.

SOCIALIZATION

This is another important essential function of family it is said that a man not born human but made human. New born human baby become human being after they are socialized. Family plays an important role in the socialization process. In the process of the socialization the child learn more outside the family, through school, friends and so many more they get to know more about the society and how the world works. Etc

DISCUSS THE AFRICAN TRADITIONAL FAMILY

In Africa family has a much wider circle of members than the word suggests in Europe or North America. In traditional society the family includes children, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers and sisters who may have their own children and other immediate relatives. The relationship within extended family would be based on kinship (biological or putative blood relationship) and affinity (relationship between blood relationship of one marriage partner and those of the other marriage partner). In a traditional society polygamous marriages were a preferred form of marriage. Such marriages contributed to extension of relationship of the family by incorporating more people.

DISSUSE YOUR NUCLEAR FAMILY

A nuclear family is a family group consisting of two parents and their children. My name is OKPARA- JOHN CHIAMAKA SOPHIA. In my family we are 7 in number (my mother, my father and my 5 sisters). To me my family is special; we love each other so much. We are all girls and my dad is the only male. In the Igbo society a family without a male child is not complete but to us we are very complete and that is what makes my family even more special.

MOTHER FATHER

 CHILDREN

 CHIAMAKA

 ANGEL

 DIAMOND

 OMALICHA

 QUEEN