
SOCIOLOGY

Key social concepts

- Culture
- Functionalism
- Feminism
- Secondary data
- Correspondence theory (Bowles and Gintis)

Gender roles

- Definition of gender roles
- Examples of gender roles
- How families pass on gender roles
- Influence of agents of socialisation (other than family) on gender roles

Socialisation

- Norms
- How schools transmit norms and values (formal and hidden curriculum)
- Socialisation of ethnic identities within families

Families

- Symmetrical family
- Functionalist views on the family
- Reasons for increased singlehood in contemporary UK
- Debate: whether families benefit men more than women

Education

- Impact of racism on educational achievement
- Marxist views: education serving capitalist interests
- Hidden curriculum and its effect on achievement
- Debate: whether achievement is based on ability and hard work

Research Methods

- Qualitative data
- Ethical issues in sociological research
- Strengths and weaknesses of using questionnaires