

This portfolio will look at three different types of the family construct. The families are the nuclear family, single parent family and the same sex family. They will all have legislation policy and how they work in practice. Also, they will all have these positives and negative traits that are involved within the different family structures. At the end of the portfolio will include a conclusion that will summarise what has been written within the portfolio.

Image One: The Nuclear Family

This image is of the traditional nuclear family, that is made up of male that is born with its sexual organs and who identifies as a male. He is then is the head of the household, he will also be the bread winner. Then he will have a female wife who will be a home maker and she will rely on the head of the household to supplier her with a home, food safety and security. This model of the family will then have children, as seen within the image below they will often be a boy and a girl. This then will make up the nuclear family. When it comes to the nuclear family for the stability of this family will depend on the quality of the marriage in the aspect of how well the relationship is between the father and the mother. This type of family will draw its stability from its corporate nature (Cutas, D. & Chan, S., 2012).

As below the image looks older because of the clothing that the people are wearing, also they are doing their homework on paper and not on a laptop or pc. this image has come from the British broadcasting system or also know as the BBC for short. this image is not stated what date it was taken from but the article from the BBC is from twenty ten.



(Image 1. BBC.2010)

Divorces within the United Kingdom are legal documents that are protect by legislation. It is the same for being married it is a legal document. The vast majority of the traditional nuclear family will be legally married. This is common within lots of different religions such as Christian, Muslim, and Jewish. Within the United Kingdom for a married couple to get a divorce they must be married for one year if the marriage has permanently ended unofficial. There are also five different key facts for a divorce these could be domestic violence in which historical did happen to the female within the nuclear family, there is also refusing to pay towards the living expenses (Gov.Uk. No Date).

The BBC has stated that the nuclear family is on the decline this is because of thirty-six of homes do not have children. There are also twenty eight percent of households that only have one occupant, but twenty nine percent are made up of couples (BBC.2010).

Within twenty fourteen there was eighteen point six million households within the United Kingdom, only twelve point five were married. This is the most popular families in the Unite3d Kingdom. Between two thousand and four and twenty fourteen it is stated that

cohabiting couple families grew by twenty-nine-point seven percent (Office for national statistics.2015).

Within the modern day the nuclear family has changed in such aspects of both parents working. This will allow them to provide the basic levels for the family to have the essentials (Mail Online. 2016)

Such as within Maslow's a theory of human motivation. Where the family can provide the physiological level and the safety needs level (Maslow, Town & Town, Stephen, 2013).

From the perspective of a feminists view on the nuclear family is that they have been criticising the stereotypical gender roles that are connected with the traditional theory of the nuclear family. In such times as the nineteen fifties They believe that the nuclear family has usually performed two key roles in which oppress women. They believe that socialising women to accept subservient roles within the family model, whilst allowing men to believe they are better. By having women socialized into accepting the role of housewife. Within modern day feminism will tend to be divided into three different branches they are liberal, Marxist and Radical Feminists. They all have different opinions in the theory of the family. They believe that the family unit is still a patriarchal system and within the main causes of the reality of patriarchy could be the family (Mavin, Sharon, 2019).

To conclude that the nuclear family is an old theory that is still being used within the United Kingdom. As from the evidence it is on the decrease, but within the modern world it has appended into a different theory in itself, such as both parents working to provide for their children.

Image 2: single parent families

This image is illustrating the difference between single parents' households within the United Kingdom. This image has come from the BBC online website and it is showing a single parent family and a household that has two parents. The year that this image was created was not stated but on the BBC article. It stated that, the date of the article was created on twenty nineteen.

A single parent is a parent who does not have a partner or spouse. they will be on their own to rise their child or children. This could be because of any reason. Such as a brake up, abuse relationship or a multitude of different reasons. A single parent can be male or female. A single parent can have full time employment or be unemployed (Bowskill, D., 1980).



(BBC.2019)

Child Tax Credit is there to help lone parent families. This system will be paid to support, with the overall cost of raising a family. For an individual to claim child tax credit they must live in one property and they can claim for each child. A lone parent can claim and not be in employment. The negative with child tax credit is that it does not help with childcare, if a lone parent is working, they can claim child tax credit, but they must be on a low income. A lone parent can also be entitled to working tax credit and this will help with childcare. The benefit known as child tax credit has been replaced by Universal Credit system (GOV.UK. No date).

Income Support provides people who do not have enough to survive on. It is only accessible for certain groups of people, who do not receive the benefit known as Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance. This benefit system is there to help lone parents (Gov.uk. No date).

Within the modern-day Single parent families will make up an estimated quarter of families that have children. Single parents households today are still mostly women, with the stereotype of them being within their thirties most Single parent homes will tend to be smaller than the stereotypical family that have children. The vast majority of them have two children (Gingerbread.2018).

Within twenty four years there were two point zero million single parents with children within the United Kingdom. Females accounted for ninety one percent of single parent households (Office for national statistics.2015).

The vast majority of single parent homes has increased within the half century, from three percent in nineteen sixty-one to twelve percent in two thousand and nine this is stated by the BBC (BBC.2010).

One of the largest challenges challenging single parent households over the years has been to try and create a way to balance work and their personal life. single parent employment has now at an increasing high level. This could be because of the government that has attempted to reflect on the recognition of the support that is needed to help single parents. With the balancing of work with their personal life. There is still a large gap between single parent's and other parents in such areas as employment many single parent families will remain within poverty despite working full time

The employment obstacles for a single parent have still not been fully solved. In such areas as Finding work especially sustainable work in which would allow single parents to provide a better their family (Gingerbread.2018).

Poverty will impact anyone regardless of race and religion. The third of children who have a working single parent will resign in poverty with various parents trying to put food on the table, a charity has found. Even though single parents' employment is at a record high, the overall risk of child poverty amongst these families has increased to its highest within twenty years.

The charity boss Ferguson. R started that half of single parents who are in employment and those who are unemployed remain in relative poverty. (BBC.2018) It is stated that 'The number of single parent families in poverty is expected to rise to 63% by 2021'(BBC.2018).

Single parent families will struggle to reach most of the levels on Maslow's a theory of human motivation this is because a single parent family who he or she is finding it hard to feed her child will impact all of the levels on this theory (Maslow, Town & Town, Stephen, 2013).

To Conclusion that single parents are finding it very difficult to provide for the children and even though they are in employment shows that within the United Kingdom has serious issues. Such as not meeting the inflation prices of daily living. Also the fact that single parents have to rely on a food bank to feed their children is wrong. This will only create more inequality within our society and it will impact every level of Maslow's a theory of human motivation.

Image 3: same sex family

The image is of a man holding a child it is stated that the man is a gay man. This man breaks the stereotype that this community has faced. Where has it come from the image has come from the guardian in which is has more of a liberal audience. the year of the image is twenty twenty the man and his child are outside that creates a light picture and makes it colourful.



(The Guardian.2020)

Within the United Kingdom the LGBT community has always faced criticism in the aspect of raising a family or just being themselves. Within the nineteen sixty-seven homosexuality was partially decriminalised against. The community that wanted to criminalise this group within the field of public displays of homosexual activity. Did this by the use of their offence. In this time a same sex couple could be prosecutions for a relationship between two consenting individuals who are over the age of sixteen, this was changed after two thousand.

This was because of the age of consent was equalised. within the years that came after nineteen sixty-seven, the law change. It was stated that any public displays will be criminalised such as having intimacy in private or in a public setting. It was also stated that hotels were classed as public and so the LGBT community would be prosecuted (BBC.2015).

Equality act twenty ten legislation to prevent any discrimination to an individual this part of the legislation will protect businesses, organisations such as banks, care providers housing associations, estate agents, education institutions, transport services and the public bodies such as the government and the local authorities. Within the equality act twenty ten there are nine different protected characteristics within Equality Act. When Discrimination occurs, it will be because of one of the nine characteristics has been abused the Act. If an individual is treated unfairly because of your sexual you will be in a group of people who have protected characteristic. This can be known as unlawful discrimination. The nine different characteristics that are protected by the equality act twenty ten are Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil within employment only, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, sex and sexual orientation (GOV.UK.2015).

The Wellbeing of future generation act of (Wales) twenty fifteen is only implemented within wales it has seven wellbeing goals. They are A prosperous Wales, A resilient Wales, A healthier Wales, A more equal Wales, A Wales of cohesive communities, A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language and A globally responsible

Wales. For the same sex parents this legislation will protect them by making Wales a society that will help its people to reach their full potential, even if they are gay. The reason this legislation came in effect is because Wales is going to face large number of different challenges. Such as homophobia within the current time and within the future. There is also the issue of poverty, climate change, inequality when it comes to employment and health. For Wales to address this issues the Welsh government has stated that (Llywodraeth cymry. 2015).

‘we need to work together. To give current and future generations a good quality of life we need to think about the long-term impact of the decisions we make. This law will make sure that our public sector does this’ (Llywodraeth cymry. 2015).

Within modern day life same sex parents influenced the way this group get married such as within couples act twenty thirteen that allowed same sex couples. The rights to get married and also to them to have the parental right for a spouse’s child (Legislation. No date).

Within the United Kingdom married and civil partner couples remain the most popular family type within twenty nineteen, they represented two-thirds of families within the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland was seventy two point six percent, this has the highest proportion of married and of civil partner couples(Fflag.No date).

The statics that have been relished by the office for national statistics state that within twenty nineteen there were two hundred twelve

thousand same sex households within the United Kingdom. This has had an overwhelming increase by forty percent since twenty fifteen. The most current statistics state that the number of same sex families that are raising children are from twenty thirteen which was twelve thousand. In March of twenty fifteen that government realised the previous year and that showed that on average more than nine children per every week we are being adopted by same sex parents (Office for national statistics.2015).

To conclusion that the overwhelming positive statistics that show how many same sex families are adopting children within the United Kingdom. And there is legislation in place to protect them. Such as the equality act twenty ten. It is also positive to see that being in a same sex couple is accept within the United Kingdom. Even though the LGBT community have faced hardship with the past, they are now getting fair treatment when it comes to the policy and legislation.

To summarize this essay is that the constructs of what makes the family is a complex and amazing process that has lot of different moving parts. Such as all of the different legislation that protects these three different families. Withing the United Kingdom it is always changing with how many different families make up this nation. Such as the rise in same sex households and also with the decline with the nuclear family.

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