

Unit 6 Overview



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Unit 6: Family

Our own family experience rarely matches the ideal of the perfect family that we carry around in our heads. This week, we take a deeper look at gender, sexuality, and family. We consider what actually makes up a family. We look at changing forms of the family using lived experience and a deep dive into demographics. We consider how changing family forms impact children. We also look at how parenting is changing for everyone.

This week, we will look at family violence - intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. We'll look a bit more deeply at rape culture, consent, and #MeToo. While we won't be explicit about the harms done, these topics can be intense. Please take good care of yourself, step back if you need to, and ask for help.

Finally, we'll look at ways we can take action to strengthen families and reduce family violence.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this unit, you will be able to:

- Summarize the process of gender socialization inside families of origin and family structures.

- Explain how gender relates to parenting roles, expectations, and experiences.
- Compare experiences of marriage and divorce across different populations.
- Examine three forms of violence commonly experienced by families.
- Outline three interventions for social change in family practice, family policy, and family education.

Unit 6 To Do

- [Unit 6 Course Materials](#)
- [Unit 6 Opening Question](#)
- [Unit 6 Getting Ready Quiz](#)
- [Unit 6 Reflection Assignment](#)
- [Final Project: Start on your Step 3 Paper](#)