

Theories (Contemporary Families) Infographic

Image Description

The theories in the book are represented by icons and brief definitions.

- Ecological Systems Theory states that individuals are part of a group of concentric systems, impacting their development. It's symbolized by a series of six concentric circles.
- Social Exchange Theory states that individuals enter into relationships via the evaluation of costs and benefits. It's symbolized by scales.
- Life Course Theory states that individual actions are influenced by their linked lives, social & historical events. It's symbolized by a globe.
- Structural Diversity Theory states that social structures shape all families, but in different ways. It's symbolized by a wheel shape with concentric circles.
- Feminist Theory states that society is structured in a way that privileges men over women; goal is to transform inequalities. It's symbolized by the equals sign.
- Postmodernist Theory states that society emphasizes choice, reflexivity and individuality. It's symbolized by a question mark.
- Symbolic Interactionist Theory states that the changing nature of social symbols affects current and future interactions. It's symbolized by the icon of a landline phone with an arrow pointing to a smartphone.