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FAMILY'S STRUCTURE AND VALUES IN MODERN SOCIETY

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Summary

In articolul acesta se abordeaza tema valorilor si structurilor familiei. Sunt descrise valorile familiale ca cele sociale, politice si religioase. Este cunoscut faptul că valorile sunt importante in orice situatii.

As dictionary gives definition, family is a group of people who are closely related to one another (by blood, marriage or adoption); kin; for example, a set of parents and their children.

The family unit functions as a safe haven and shelter from the outside world. Family is there to protect its members, to love them, and to provide each individual with the necessary basic needs. The family is an extremely important socialization agent, especially for children. When children are born, they take on the characteristics portrayed to them by their family [8, p. 37].

Schiamberg Lawrence Ph.D. (1983) listed the following as the functions of the family:

- Socialization of children.
- Economic cooperation and division of labour.

- Care, supervision, monitoring, and interaction.
- Legitimizing sexual relations.
- Reproduction.
- Provision of status: social status; ascribed, such as birth order; and achieved, based on individual's effort.
- Affection, emotional support and companionship

All the practices of the family are taken on by the children. Children learn their most valuable lessons from their family that last them a life time. Children also are very dependent on others to care for them, which makes their families all the more important to them. They automatically take on the same traditions, customs, and values.

Family values, sometimes referred to as familial values, are traditional or cultural values that pertain to the family's structure, function, roles, beliefs, attitudes, and ideals. Although every family's list of values will be different, there are different categories of values that tend to be similar [1, p.123].

Social Values consist of things like peace, justice, freedom, equality, and bettering our community. Examples of social values include:

- Not hurting others and also standing up for those who can't stand up for themselves.
- Being respectful and courteous in your interactions.
- Volunteering time and skills in the community.
- Being generous with what you have.
- Being honest with others.
- Participating in teamwork whenever possible [2, 56].

Political Values. Although being a liberal, conservative, or moderate may determine your opinion on how the government should run and what laws should be enacted, there are certain political values that remain constant across political parties:

- Being open-minded to new things.
- Following the law and respecting those who enforce it.

- Working hard for success [4, p. 203].

Religious Values center around the expectations that people have about themselves and others based on the beliefs of their faith. Although each faith has its beliefs, there are common values that many faiths tend to share. Examples of religious values include:

- Showing compassion to those in need.
- Treating others as one would like to be treated.
- Continually learning and growing both spiritually and intellectually.
- Being modest in your relations with others.
- Being respectful and nonviolent when interacting with others [3, p.103].

Work values include such things as your philosophies about your job, your finances, and how you spend your money. For children, these values include how they approach school and their education. Examples of work values include:

- Always doing your best work.
- Working in a team.
- Saving a portion of your salary/allowance.
- Finding opportunities to express your ideas and creativity.
- Being proud of your achievements.
- Making education a priority.
- Keeping in mind the part that your job plays in society.
- Treating co-workers, fellow students, customers, and authority figures the way that you want to be treated [5, p. 47].

The students from faculty of psychology took an active part in the discussions. Everyone made the list that reflects his/ her family (spiritual family, fun-loving family etc.).

Family structure has changed dramatically over the last 50 years. The traditional family is no longer the standard, and several variations on family have been created. There are six specific types of family structures identified by society today.

Nuclear Family

The nuclear family is the traditional type of family structure. This family type consists of two parents and children.

Single Parent Family

The single parent family consists of one parent raising one or more children on his own.

Extended Family

The extended family structure consists of two or more adults who are related, either by blood or marriage, living in the same home.

Childless Family

While most people think of family as including children, there are couples who either cannot or choose not to have children.

Step Family

Over half of all marriages end in divorce, and many of these individuals choose to get remarried.

Grandparent Family

Many grandparents today are raising their grandchildren for a variety of reasons [5, p. 24].

There is no right or wrong answer when it comes to what is the best type of family structure. Families need to do what is best for each other and themselves, and that can be achieved in almost any unit.

When crises arise, the family is able to withstand them because of the stability of the relational structure. Families with defined values are able to stand strong on their views despite other people's efforts to break through with opposing beliefs. In addition, when family members feel weak from the cold outside world, they know they can come into their family for a warm comforting connection.

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WAYS OF PRESENTING THE MEANING OF NEW ITEMS AT THE PRE-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

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Summary

Articolul abordează importanța predării vocabularului și a tehnicilor inovatoare de prezentare a sensului elementelor noi la nivel intermediar. Nevoia din ce în ce mai mare de limba engleză a creat o cerere imensă de învățare a limbii engleze în întreaga lume. În prezent, milioane de oameni doresc să-și îmbunătățească nivelul de limba engleză, iar oportunitățile de învățare a limbii engleze sunt oferite în multe moduri diferite. Cu sute de mii de cuvinte în limba engleză, predarea vocabularului poate părea o perspectivă ce intimidează. Prin urmare, învățarea vocabularului este o parte importantă a procesului de dezvoltare a elevilor.

Language learning has totally boosted in comparison with the past. In this latter, great emphasis was on grammar and pronunciation, still little or no emphasis was conveyed to vocabulary. In short, vocabulary was neglected in the programs for teachers during the twentieth century. Teachers at that time thought that vocabulary is learnt through experience and they fear students make mistakes in sentence construction if too many words were learnt