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# Family

## What is the difference between a “family” and a close group of friends?

* Don’t get to pick your family
* We have core groups of family
  + Audio 0:03:03.046099
  + At this point in Mrs. Billings’ life, she thinks of her family as her husband and children, not her parents and brother (even though she still definitely sees them as family)

## Are a couple a family?

## Is a sorority a family?

* Audio 0:09:12.859694

## Interpersonally, the definition of a family

* A social construction, both a product of communication and a context in which communication takes place
  + Dependency on communication
    - Do you still communicate with cousins?
    - Audio 0:13:38.110905
* A network of people who live together over long periods of time bound by ties of marriage, blood, or commitment, legal or otherwise.

## Families in History

* The godly family
  + Audio 0:15:23.301467
* democratic family
* companionate family
  + Audio 0:19:30.431506
  + Now 62% feel that their children will not lead a better life

## The Myth of the Ideal Family

* What is your ideal family
  + Audio 0:24:50.886866
  + We either get it through TV or we think we see it in our friends
  + The minority today are children who went all 18 years with the same parents in the house (aka your parents didn’t get divorced)
    - Audio 0:28:35.031291
  + Mrs. Billings’ ideal family
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| Term | Definition |
| godly family | family was microcosm of the larger society. moral instruction was more important than building child’s self-esteem |
| democratic family | family which stemmed from work moving outside the home. Family became a protective shell |
| companionate family | celebrate personality. Smaller family size. The child will lead a better life than the parents |

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