

In what ways are families good for society?

Many sociologists have different theories and views on what exactly a family is, for example, George Murdock, a famous functionalist, believes that a family is a social group characterized by a common residence, economic cooperation and reproduction. It includes adults of both sexes, at least two of whom maintain a socially approved sexual relationship, and one or more children, own or adopted, of the sexually cohabiting adults.

It is important to look after children and to ensure the child is physically and mentally healthy as it is our next generation of adults and vitally important that we teach them the rules and accepted behaviour in society. As a parent or guardian they are responsible for their child and its survival.

It is imperative that sexual activity is controlled to ensure there are no unwanted children in society. Many children growing up without parents suffer from mental health issues and have problems later in life. Too much sexual activity could result in a densely populated area meaning more people unemployed and receiving benefits from the government.

How a child behaves is critical and could shape their personality and attitude for life. It is important that we demonstrate positive behaviour and punish any negative behaviour so that it is not repeated and doesn't escalate into something worse. As adults we are responsible to set a good example for children.

Showing people that we care helps them feel wanted and not left out. It sets a good example to children and encourages others to do the same. Emotionally unstable people don't feel apart of society and feel they don't have a purpose.

Knowing who we are, the role we play to our family and in society is critical to our lives. Everyone needs to know his or her position and level in order to fit in. Failing to fit in could result in emotional and mental health issues and problems.