

FAMILY

Family functions:

- Reproduction
- Protection
- Socialization
- Affection and companionship
- Provides social status
- Regulation of sexual behavior

A Conflict Response

The Interactionist View:

- Life cycle of a family
 - Courtship
 - marriage
 - child-rearing
 - later life

Trends in U.S. Families

- Cohabitation vs. marriage
- Divorce and Re-marriage
- Family Violence
- Same Sex Marriage

EDUCATION

Vocabulary

- Education
- Credentialism
- Mainstreaming
- Minimum competency tests
- Tracking
- Social promotion

A Vector for Diversity? 1994-2027

Functionalist view

- Transmitting culture/socialization.
- Integration
- Social placement
- Social control
- Social change
- Cultural innovation

Conflict perspective

- Promotes assimilation (seen as a negative phenomenon)
- Credentialism
- Bestows status selectively (tracking)
- Public and Private schools

Interactionist Insight

- administrative expectations (labeling theory)
- self-fulfilling prophecy

Schools vs. Prisons

RELIGION

Vocabulary

- Religion
- Sacred
- Profane
- Secularization
- Denomination
- Ecclesia
- Sect
- Cult
- Cosmology

Dimensions of religious behavior – The Interactionist Perspective

- Belief
- Rituals
- Experience of Holy

A Functionalist View -- Religion creates stability by:

- Integration
- Support
- Social control

Conflict Perspective -- Religion reproduces social inequality

Research: Religion and Deviance – Moral Community and the Hypocrisy Factor

Closing thoughts: Faith, Fact, and Truth