



Sociology Virtual Learning

High School/Lesson 17

Agents of Socialization: Family

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Objective/Learning Targets:

- Explain how the family contributes to the socialization process
- Identify what a child learns from the family's influence in socialization
- Analyze what could happen when the family does not properly socialize a child

Bell Ringer:

On a separate piece of paper, answer the following question in a complete sentence or sentences: In what ways has your family influenced your life and how have they helped in your socialization?

Lesson Activity:

A child's first exposure to reality and the world around them takes place under the umbrella of the family. This is so important that the science of sociology deems the family the primary agent of socialization.

Activity:

Within the family the child learns to:

- Think and speak
- Internalize norms, beliefs, and values
- Form some basic attitudes
- Develop a capacity for intimate and personal relationships
- Acquire a self image

Activity:

What can happen when a child, tragically, is neglected and improperly socialized by the family - the primary agent of socialization? For the answer to this question, please watch the following film:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nv3ocntSSUU>

Practice:

On the same piece of paper you did your bell work on, answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. List three of the five socialization events that occur within the family (see slide 5 if you get stuck).
2. What effect did the neglect and lack of socialization have on the lives of Oxana Malaya and Genie Wiley?
3. What does Harry Harlow's experiment with monkeys tell us about the important role played by family in the socialization process?

(Answers will vary based on opinions of students)