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THE GODLY FAMILY

And Discussion of “The Sins of Our Mothers”

COMPARED CONTEMPORARY US FAMILIES

- Patriarchal
- Nearly self-sufficient economic unit
- Responsibilities of the institutions
- Integrated into community



THE GODLY FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

- Compare communities then and now. (e.g., population)
- Relationship between community and families – then and now
 - * role of community in family life
 - * implications of these differences for the family and family members
 - * experiences of families and family members because of the difference in the relationship.





THE MODERN FAMILY

From Industrial Revolution to the 70s or so...

MODERN COMPARED TO GODLY

- Work split between domestic work and paid work.
- Marriage based on love
- Privacy and separation of family and community
- Women & the “Natural” tasks of mothering.



DEFINITIONS

- **Social production jobs:** making a living. producing goods for public consumption
- **Social reproduction jobs:** unpaid jobs of caring for home and family members
- **Doctrine of two spheres:** work and family life seen as 2 distinct spheres or arenas and that each sphere should be occupied by a specific gender

