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The Traditional Table A Patriarchal Foundation The early twentieth century in Florence saw a predominantly patriarchal family structure reflected vividly in the dynamics around the dining table The father often the primary breadwinner held a position of authority his preferences often dictating the menu and the pacing of the meal The mother conversely bore the primary responsibility for food production and preparation a task demanding immense time skill and physical labor This division of labor wasnt merely practical it was deeply ingrained in cultural norms and expectations Imagine it like a meticulously crafted fresco the father the prominent central figure while the mother though essential occupied a less visually prominent yet equally vital supporting role The food itself reflected this hierarchy Hearty traditional dishes often requiring lengthy preparation think ribollita bread soup peposo a slowcooked beef stew or elaborate pasta sauces showcased the mothers skill and reinforced her role as the nurturer and caregiver These meals often shared with extended family strengthened familial bonds and reinforced social hierarchies The table became a stage for performing gender roles and upholding familial traditions

The Shifting Landscape War Migration and Economic Change The two World Wars and subsequent economic changes dramatically altered the Tuscan landscape impacting family dynamics and the role of food The scarcity and rationing experienced during wartime forced women into new roles necessitating ingenuity and resourcefulness in food preparation The postwar period witnessed significant migration from rural areas to Florence bringing with it different culinary traditions and challenging established norms Think of it as an artistic restoration the original fresco was impacted by external forces resulting in subtle but significant changes to the composition and colour palette The rise of industrialization and increased female participation in the workforce gradually eroded the traditional division of labor Women albeit often still bearing the brunt of domestic responsibilities began to demand greater autonomy and recognition This shift is reflected in the emergence of convenience foods and a gradual shift towards simpler meal preparations though traditional recipes remained deeply cherished and were often adapted to accommodate changing realities

The Culinary Landscape Evolves A Taste of Modernity The latter half of the twentieth century witnessed a gradual shift towards a more egalitarian though not necessarily equal distribution of household tasks including food preparation The introduction of readily available appliances like refrigerators and electric stoves eased the burden on women yet the expectation of their continued primary responsibility for domesticity largely persisted The emergence of readymade pasta and other convenience foods represented both a convenience and a source of contention viewed by some as a loss of traditional culinary artistry The growing popularity of dining out and the increasing influence of global cuisines further diversified the Florentine table albeit often retaining a strong local foundation This can be compared to a modern art piece the traditional elements remain visible but they are now interwoven with new influences and interpretations creating a vibrant albeit sometimes contested tapestry

A Contemporary Perspective Legacy and Change While the patriarchal structure around the Tuscan table has undeniably weakened its legacy remains palpable Many traditional gender roles persist albeit in modified forms While women increasingly participate in the workforce the primary burden of childcare and domestic tasks frequently falls on them even in households where both partners work Food remains a significant marker of identity and tradition binding families together across generations but the rigidity of its association with specific gender roles has loosened considerably 3 The modern Tuscan table is a reflection of this evolution a dynamic space where tradition and modernity coexist where new culinary influences blend with ageold recipes and where gender roles while still present are increasingly contested and renegotiated

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did the rise of tourism impact the Florentine food culture and gender roles in the home Tourism led to the commercialization of traditional Tuscan cuisine creating opportunities for women in catering and hospitality but also potentially reinforcing stereotypical representations of female culinary expertise The homecooked meal might have been perceived as less important relative to professionally prepared fare enjoyed in restaurants and trattorias 2 What role did immigration play in shaping the Florentine culinary landscape in the 20th century Immigration primarily from other regions of Italy and later from other countries introduced new ingredients techniques and culinary traditions leading to the diversification of the Florentine diet and challenging the hegemony of traditional dishes This also impacted gender roles within the kitchen as new culinary practices and preferences were introduced by immigrant families 3 To what extent did social class influence the food consumed and the gender dynamics surrounding the table in 20th century Florence Social class significantly impacted the types of food consumed and the families ability to adhere to traditional structures Wealthier families had more access to diverse ingredients and more disposable income to hire domestic help easing the burden on women Poorer families faced greater constraints demanding greater ingenuity and resourcefulness in food preparation 4 How did the changing role of women in Florentine society impact the social function of the family meal Increased female workforce participation led to a decline in the frequency and formality of family meals impacting family cohesion and the reinforcement of traditional gender roles through food preparation This shifted the emphasis from the shared meal as a primary communal activity to more fragmented and less ritualistic eating patterns 5 How can contemporary research build upon past studies of food and gender in Florence Future research could explore the experiences of marginalized groups including immigrant women and workingclass families to provide a more inclusive understanding of the complexities of food family and gender in 20th century Florence Digital humanities methods could also contribute by analyzing archival materials such as cookbooks and personal letters to provide richer qualitative data 4

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this completely updated second edition offers articles that together develop a systematic understanding of family it focuses not only on the dynamics of childcare sexuality and daily cohabitation but also on the way that these patterns are shaped by the larger social culture while some of the readings examine cross cultural and historical variations in family patterns highlighting the social organization of things that otherwise seem natural the bulk of articles focus on the social relations of sexuality and intimacy reproduction parenting and living together because these relations are typically gender relations a concern with gender inequality is constant throughout the book compelling and insightful this timely work synthesizes a broad range of approaches for all those interested in sociology of the family or women s studies

gender and power in families represents the first book devoted to british work on the subject of the relationship between gender and power in families it contains both a conceptual discussion of the subject and a review of clinical practice the contributors challenge the hidden assumption that there is equality between men and women and place the family into its wider social context bringing to the practice of family therapy the fact that inequality exists in the domestic domain the book will provide an impetus for making the issues of gender and power central to family therapy and practice

this ethnographically based exploration draws on sociological historical and demographic data to provide a comprehensive analysis of family gender and kinship in australia which informs modern kinship and gender at large allon uhlmann charts the cultural basis that underlies kinship practices and argues that the australian family is characterized by deep cultural and social continuities rather than the common view that the family is undergoing substantial change he further shows how the modern family both shapes and is shaped by broad social and economic processes this analysis provides greater insight into this critical field of practice as well as showcasing a novel analytical approach to practice that is rooted in the sociology of practice and in the anthropology of cognition the book also suggests changes to the way in which social scientists currently treat family and kinship

gender and families uses images from popular culture and events from everyday lives to explore how families and gender are mutually produced and inseparably linked author scott coltrane teaches gender in an accessible and compelling manner to a wide array of students by weaving discussions of racial differences ethnicity and social class into every chapter coltrane also includes women and men as both topic and audience in the central chapters of the book ideal for use in a gender course or as a supplement in family introductory sociology or social inequality classes

the book gender roles and family analysis attempts to examine the relationship between working wives decreased time availability for family work and its impact on husbands contributions to that domain since the participation of women in labour force has increased at a rapid rate the various conceptual some of the dynamics of gender relationships especially the changes experienced by and the attending impacts on men and women in domestic as well as in paid work spheres

can a woman and a man both of whom are career oriented achieve a loving and enduring relationship with children and also advance in their careers why is it that women more often than men push for dual career marriages what personal and societal difficulties and obstacles do they face what special difficulties do men experience as a result of this phenomenon taking us to the frontier of close relationships where traditional gender roles are being reevaluated in light of what is both functional and optimal for persons in dual career partnerships two careers one family describes the current world of women and men trying to negotiate new realities at home and at work it offers a glimpse of the future and the potential that exists for creative restructuring of our concepts of gender the first part of this unusual and compelling volume describes the societal context of young adults today the second addresses in detail both expectations for and realities of dual career family life in the final section the author makes predictions about the benefits of increased gender equity for same sex and heterosexual dual career couples and identifies continuing obstacles and sources of stress for partners in dual career families stimulating informative and insightful this volume is especially helpful to students and professionals in close relationships gender studies family studies psychology communication counseling clinical psychology social work and sociology it is lucia albino gilbert s recognition of the complexities of the dual career situation the interrelations between family work and society and the influence of theory on the very research questions being framed that make two careers one family the promise of gender equality more than a summary of current research data although gilbert s own research focuses on the family and career choices of young adults the book reaches far beyond that topic to place the dual career family into historical philosophical and societal contexts this brief but comprehensive book would be of interest to any scholar of gender or family issues whether in psychology sociology communications or women s studies gilbert s readable style and useful chapter summaries also make it suitable as a supplementary text for advanced classes contemporary psychology the inclusion of a discussion of what trends in dual career families may mean for same sex couples is particularly noteworthy family professionals students and interested lay people should all find this book valuable it is both well written and successful in providing a meaningful summary of what we currently know about dual career families family relations it wasn t until after my neighbor and i he s a nationally known constitutional lawyer got into a discussion of which detergents we preferred

when doing the families laundries that i realized how profoundly some parts of society are changing we had often talked about feminist aspects of civil rights legislation but it was the laundry detergent discussion that did it now lucia gilbert chronicles the changes we and our children face gilbert s two careers one family is a dramatic and graceful description of the emergence of the two career family form gilbert covers it all theory and research history and future prospects female and male views and more during 93 the media will be preoccupied with the hillary question but in the meantime change marches on read two careers one family to understand not just this year s media fuss but what s in store for close relationships in the coming years milton d hakel bowling green state university ohio in this volume gilbert describes and astutely analyzes the interplay between work and family in the lives of dual career couples she looks at this in terms of the past the present and the future as well as from the perspective of the individual the family the work organization and society as a whole i cannot think of anyone better qualified for this task than lucia gilbert her analysis blends her experiences as a counseling psychologist with her skills as a researcher and scholar her experiences as a counseling psychologist give the book a valuable richness and compassion for each individual s situation her experience as a scholar one who has been a leader on this topic since the early 80s serves as a solid foundation on which gilbert paints an up to date empirical portrait of dual career couples with rigor breadth and balance gilbert s writing is well organized concise and lucid sprinkled throughout the text are well selected excerpts from other sources cartoons and informative figures and tables combining sensitivity with rationality her writing epitomizes an androgynous style daniel perlman the university of british columbia for psychologists personal relationships scholars women s or family studies experts already familiar with this body of knowledge gilbert describes the conceptual shift in the focus of sociopsychological inquiry from sex as a biological difference to gender as a socially constructed difference she casts her analysis in terms of the new gender as socially constructed difference perspective emphasizing gender as an organizing feature of our lives and as a social process daniel perlman the university of british columbia this book offers a wealth of information and understanding of gender issues the implications are mind boggling in terms of potential for relationship and power shifts between wives and husbands between women and men at home in the workplace in larger social spheres for shifts in child parent roles and relationships and for new parental role models it is rich in detail appealing in lucidity and compassion and delightfully entertaining in sprinkles of humor that sparkle and nip earl koile professor emeritus university of texas at austin i enjoyed reading this book by placing the dual career family literature firmly within a framework of gender dynamics it goes much further than just chronicling the problems faced by dual career spouses it also offers explanations and the vision of a way forward the tone is optimistic while in no way underestimating the hurdles to be overcome in the path to gender equality the book also broadens the scope of the discussion to include same sex dual career relationships who have so long been overlooked by researchers studying work and family the author demonstrates that they too can benefit from the progress being made by heterosexual couples at home and at work the lifetime perspective on dual career relationships together with the book s accessible style and some delightful hard hitting cartoons should make it invaluable reading for anyone contemplating a dual career relationship as well as an academic readership suzan lewis manchester metropolitan university lucia gilbert s two careers one family is a thorough and current discussion of today s two career families the book is energetic and insightful in its review of social science research on these families including the author s own research the gender analysis is sophisticated this book is important reading for those interested in the psychology of gender or the psychology of work and work family issues janet shibley hyde ph d university of wisconsin

this volume addresses the family situation in japan and germany gender segregated labor markets and precarious employment patterns bear detrimental consequences for the socioeconomic capacity to maintain family households and to have children by applying a gender sensitive approach this volume s focus is on the impact of family law family policy and family support measures scholars from japan and germany examine differences and characteristics of social security legislation intergenerational support systems single parent families inequality among households and poverty situations local domestic and care service provision female labor market participation parental leave systems organization of child care domestic violence historical developments of housework as an institution and labor market policies

conflict between work and family has been a topic of discussion since the beginning of the women s movement but recent changes in family structures and workforce demographics have made it clear that the issues impact both women and men while employers and policymakers struggle to navigate this

new terrain critics charge that the research sector too has been slow to respond gender and the work family experience puts multiple faces male as well as female on complex realities with interdisciplinary and cross cultural awareness and research based insight besides reviewing the state of gender roles as they affect home and career this in depth reference examines and compares how women and men experience work family conflict and its consequences for relationships at home as well as outcomes on the job topics as wide ranging as gendered occupations gender and shiftwork heteronormative assumptions the myth of the ideal worker and gendered aspects of work family guilt reflect significant changes in society and reveal important implications for both research and policy also included in the coverage gender ideology and work family plans of the next generation gender poverty and the work family interface the double jeopardy effect the importance of gender and race in work family research when work intrudes upon employees personal time does gender matter work family equality the importance of a level playing field at home women in stem family related challenges and initiatives family friendly organizational policies practices and benefits through the gender lens geared toward work family and gender researchers as well as students and educators in a variety of fields gender and the work family experience will find interested readers in the fields of industrial and organizational psychology business management social psychology sociology gender studies women s studies and public policy among others

the authors highlight how structural circumstances in countries with various degrees of industrialization are associated with specific policies the analyses of women s experiences reveal the variety of ways in which private patriarchy in families combines with public patriarchy in economies and states to create a system of domination which subordinates women the authors detail how gender is constructed under specific political economic and cultural circumstances and seek to understand how state policies with differing sensitivities to women s issues have produced mixed outcomes for women and their families in the process of economic development

appropriate as supplemental reading for courses in social policy and social studies that examine the role of parenting in society the subject of lone mothers is a controversial and highly topical social and political issue this unique core text examines the key issues in the debate and assesses their impact on the uk and other countries in a comprehensive and accessible way broad in scope it covers a wide range of issues including gender roles the relationship of the family and the state and the relationship between social policy and labour market policy

this volume examines both the historical and current concepts and definitions of the family in canada and focuses on the public policy consequences of the changing patterns of familial interaction and function

recent decades have witnessed major changes in gender roles and family patterns as well as a falling birth rate in ireland and the rest of europe while the traditional family is now being replaced in many cases by new family forms we do not know the reasons why people are making the choices they are and whether or not these choices are leading to greater well being while demographic research has attempted to explain the new trends in family formation and fertility there has been little research on people s attitudes to family formation and having children this book presents the results of the first major study to examine people s attitudes to family formation and childbearing in ireland based on a nationwide representative sample of 1 404 men and women in the childbearing age group the study was carried out against a backdrop of changing gender role attitudes and behaviour as well as significant demographic change

in a dual earner marriage why is a wife s paid employment much less likely to be defined as breadwinning than her husband s this book uses data from a study of 153 dual earner couples to examine the allocation of responsibility for breadwinning and the social construction of gender in their marriages the author carefully distinguishes breadwinning from paid employment and uses the insights of gender construction theory to illuminate that distinction gender construction theory sees gender as a system of social relations that is continually and actively created in the social interactions of daily life using both quantitative and qualitative analyses this book demonstrates that despite the prevalence of dual earner marriages breadwinning is still widely used as a boundary that creates gender by distinguishing the meaning of men s employment from that of women s the author argues that though the extent to which breadwinning is used as a gender boundary is strongly influenced by adult

experiences and circumstances and by the material conditions of couples lives it is not determined by these factors rather the meanings attached to husbands and wives employment are actively constructed through a process of negotiation that is characterized by both contention and cooperation moreover this is a highly dynamic process the breadwinning boundary is renegotiated and reconstructed in response to disagreement to changing circumstances and to shifts in other related gender boundaries through its detailed analysis of breadwinning and its development of gender boundaries as a theoretical concept this book provides new insight into gender relations and makes a contribution to gender construction theory at the same time it is engagingly written and provides moving glimpses of the real life dilemmas of dual earner couples

bringing new focus to the subject the invisible web investigates the family from a feminist perspective using the lens of gender connections between mothers and daughters fathers and daughters mothers and sons and husbands and wives are analyzed and given new meaning the authors evaluate and redefine family transitions such as divorce single parent and female headed households and remarried couples who are attempting to integrate their respective children with ex spouses and complicated networks of extended kin they also reexamine traditional and emerging roles for women in their early middle and later years written in an engaging format each chapter features an in depth analysis of how gender shapes the relationship in question this discussion is followed by fascinating vignettes of actual cases from each of the four authors whose approaches reflect different orientations to therapy based on the work of the women s project in family therapy which won the 1986 afta award for distinguished contribution to family therapy this groundbreaking work is an excellent text for courses in family therapy and women s studies an invaluable guide for mental health practitioners and an insightful read for anyone who wishes to explore the invisible web of gender patterns in families

the authors explain why and how time pressures have emerged and what we can do to alleviate them in contrast to conventional wisdom that all americans are overworked they show that time has become a form of social inequality that is dividing americans in new ways between overworked and underemployed women and men parents and non parents

this text aims to provide a sociological understanding of the way key aspects such as ethnic differentiation and antagonism and population ageing and the discovery of ageism and are shaped by gender and family structures

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