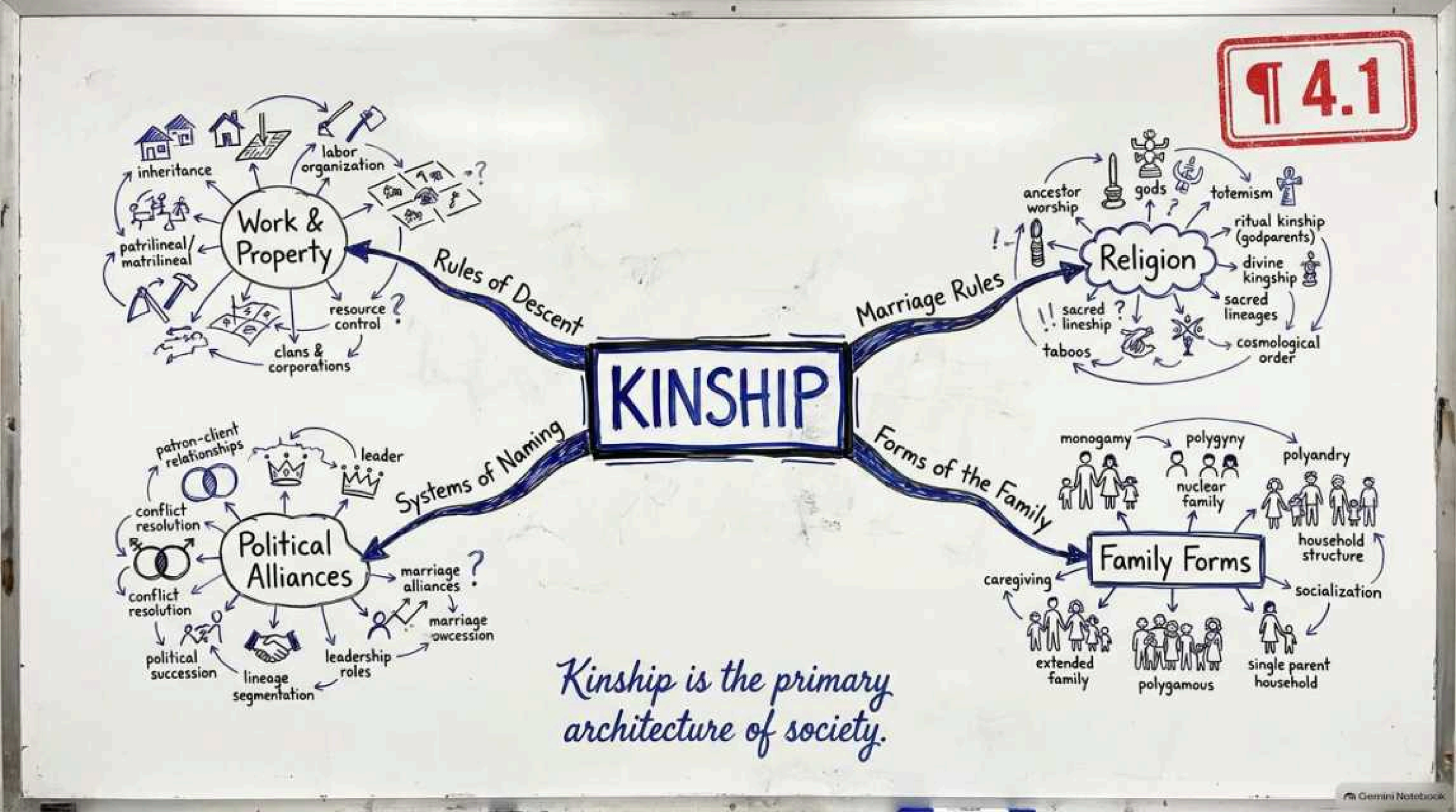
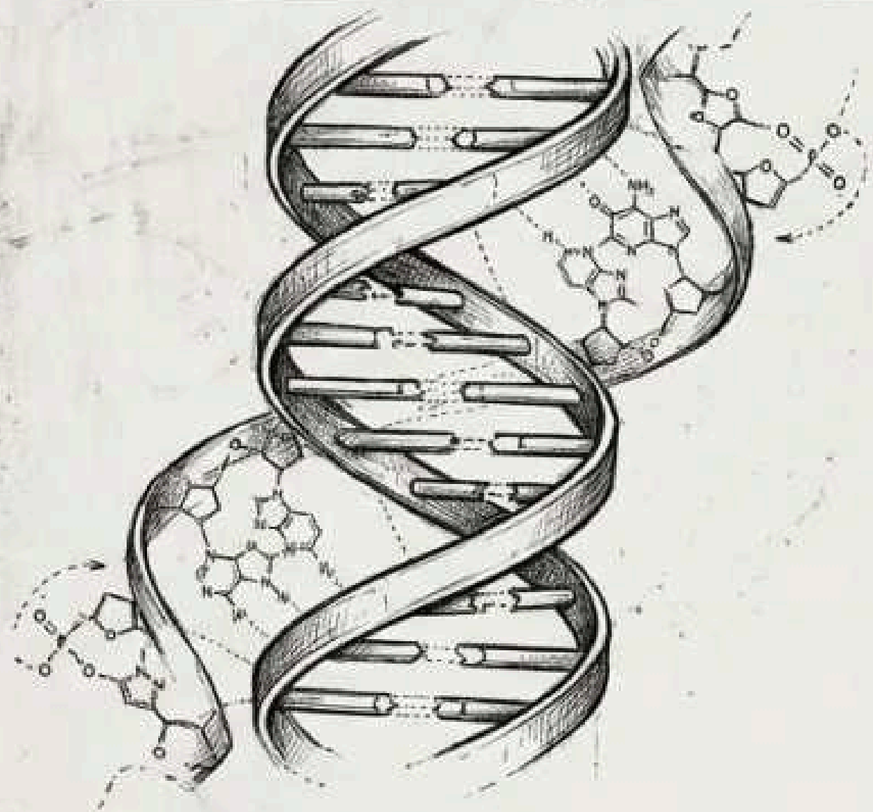

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KINSHIP
Rules of Descent
Work & Property
inheritance
labor organization
patrilineal/ matrilineal
resource control
clans & corporations
Marriage Rules
Religion
ancestor worship
gods
totemism
ritual kinship (godparents)
divine kingship
sacred lineages
cosmological order
taboos
sacred lineship
Systems of Naming
Political Alliances
patron-client relationships
leader
conflict resolution
conflict resolution
marriage alliances
marriage succession
political succession
lineage segmentation
leadership roles
Forms of the Family
Family Forms
monogamy
polygyny
polyandry
nuclear family
household structure
socialization
caregiving
extended family
polygamous
single parent household
Kinship is the primary architecture of society.

$Kinship ≠ Biology

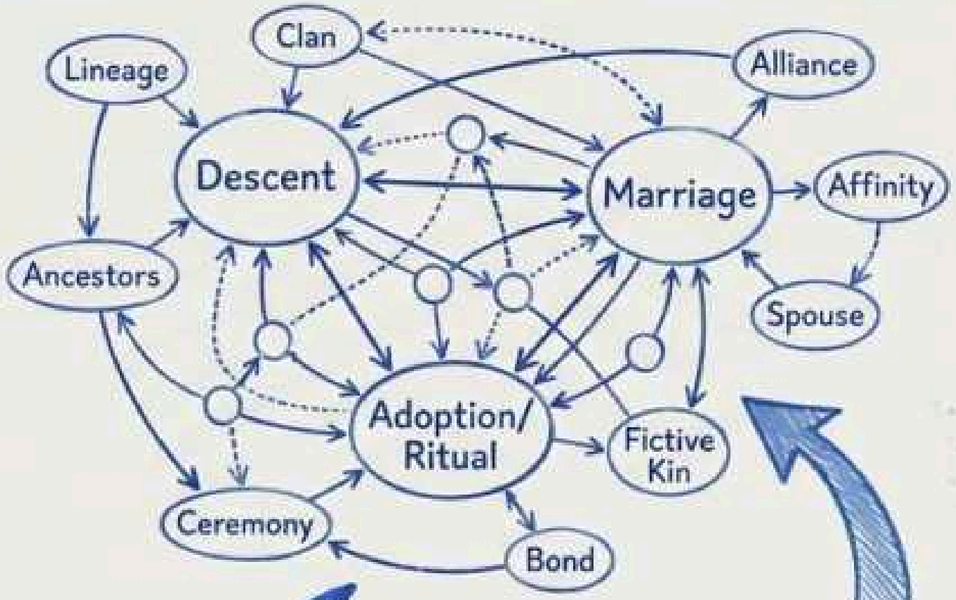
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Biology



Genetic Links.

Culture



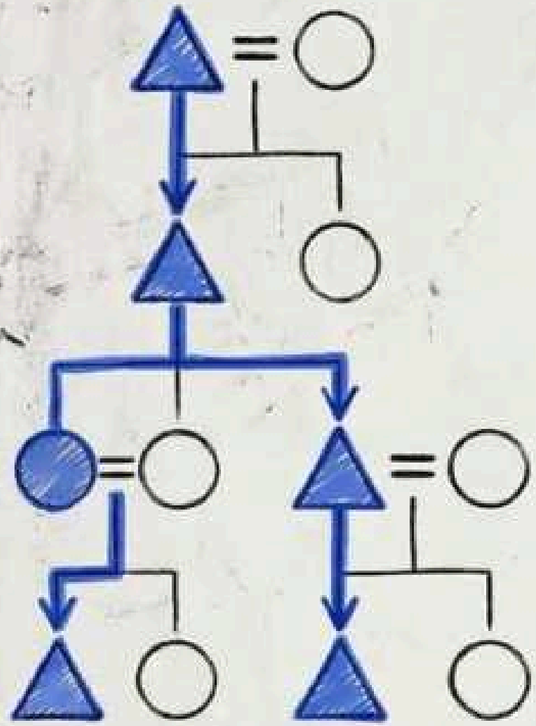
Cousin
Uncle
Godparent

Social roles dictating what relatives owe one another, beyond mere genetics.

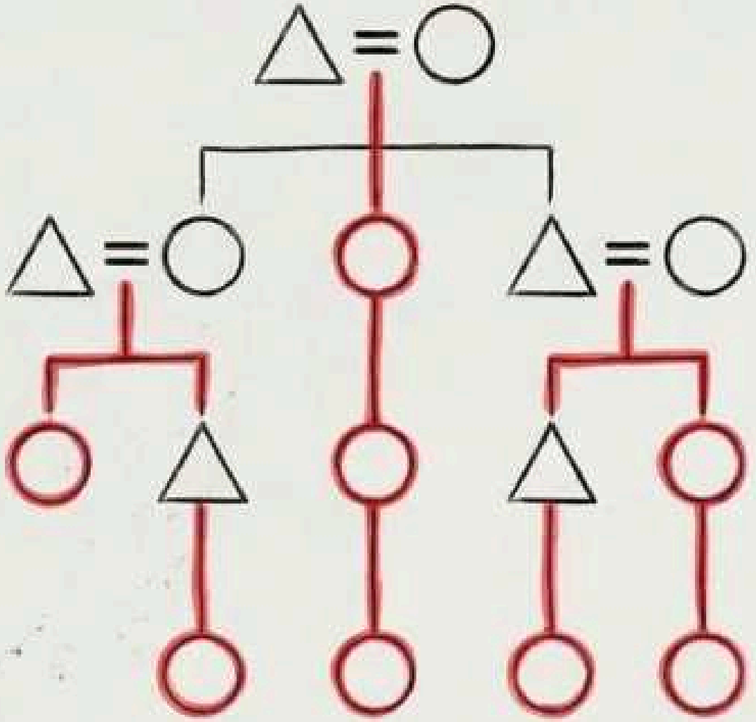
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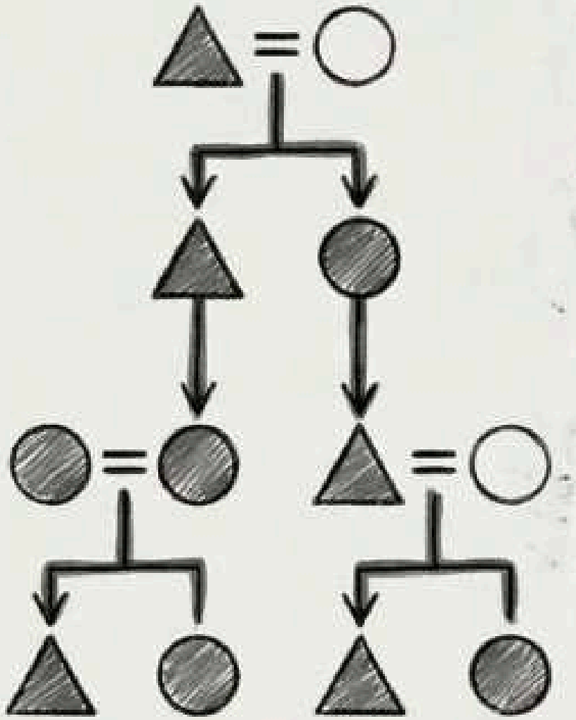
Patrilineal



Matrilineal



Bilateral



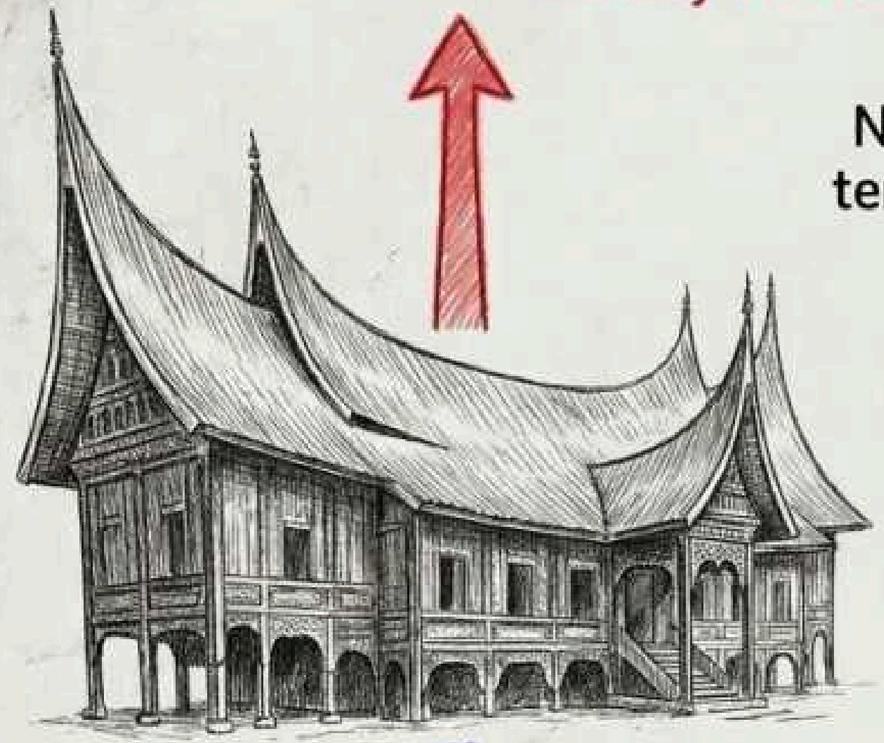
e.g., United States.

These rules dictate inheritance and marriage eligibility.

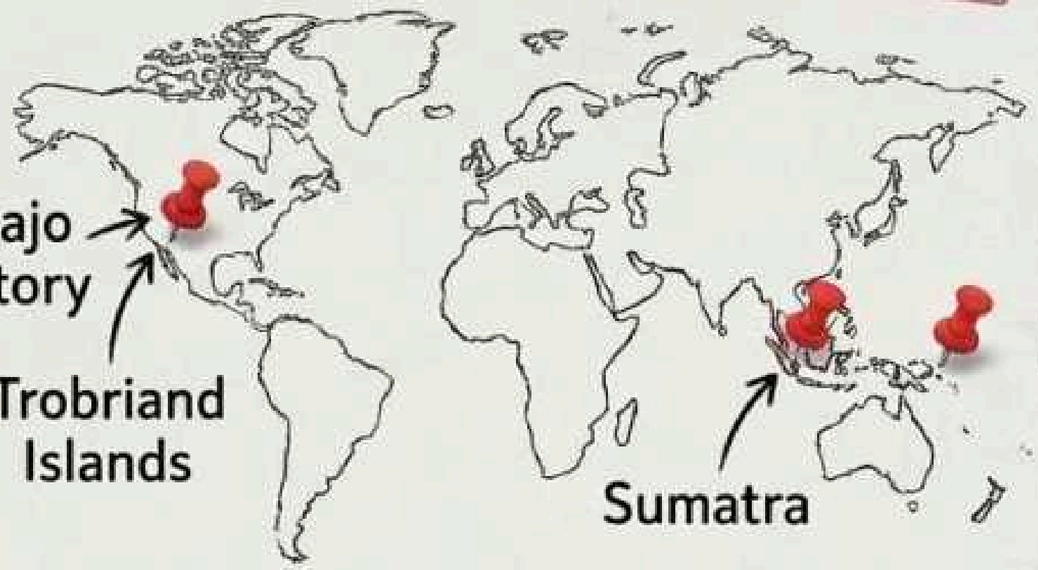
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Property &
Family House.



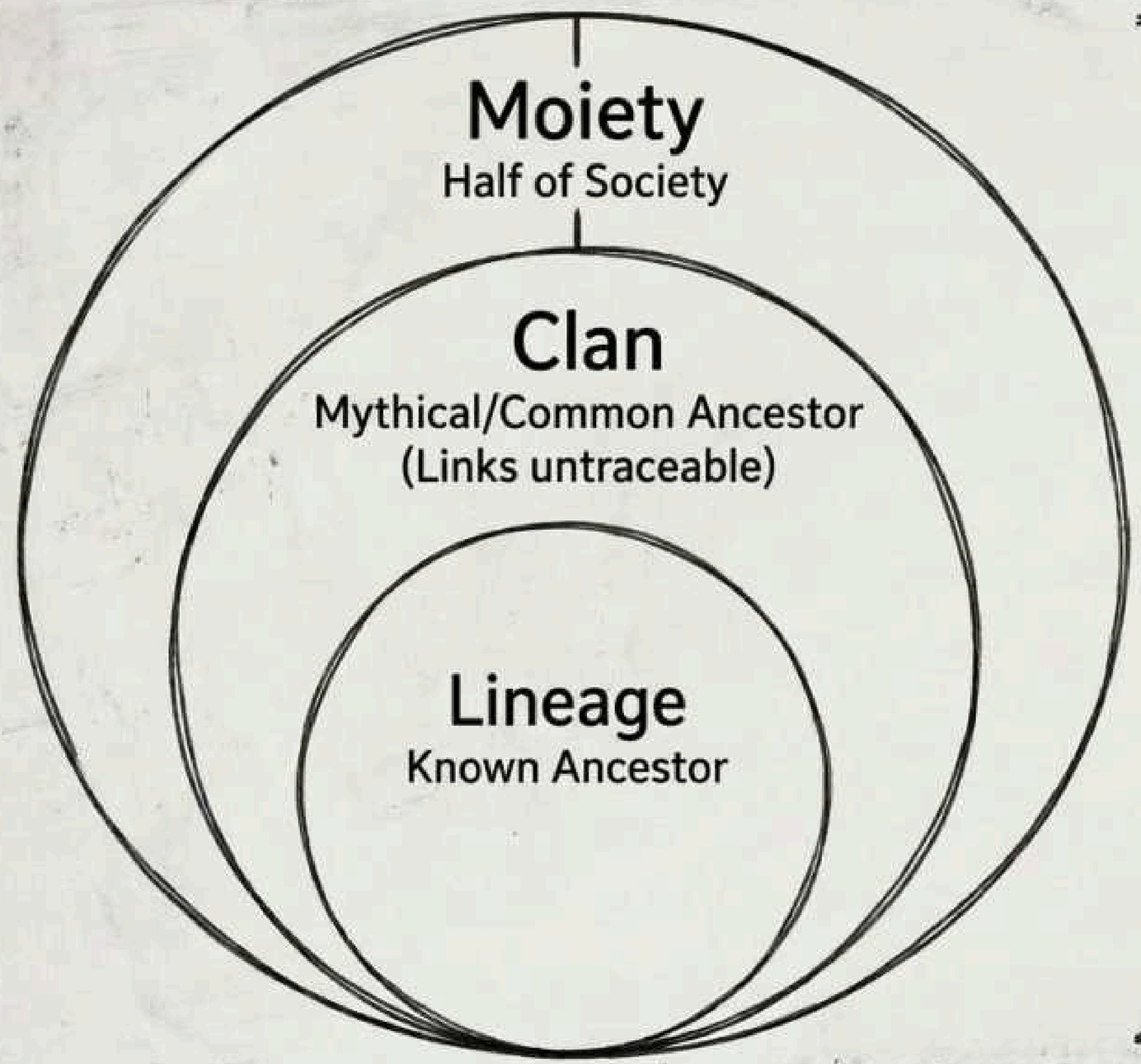
Religious &
Political Roles.



Matrilineal ≠ Women Rule.
It describes the line of membership, not absolute power.

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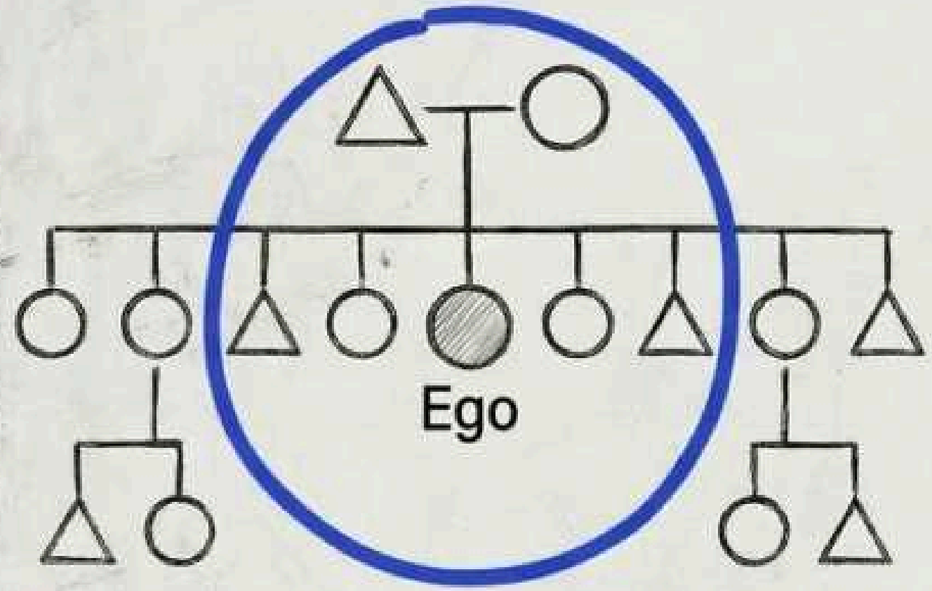


→ Allies, Land, Identity

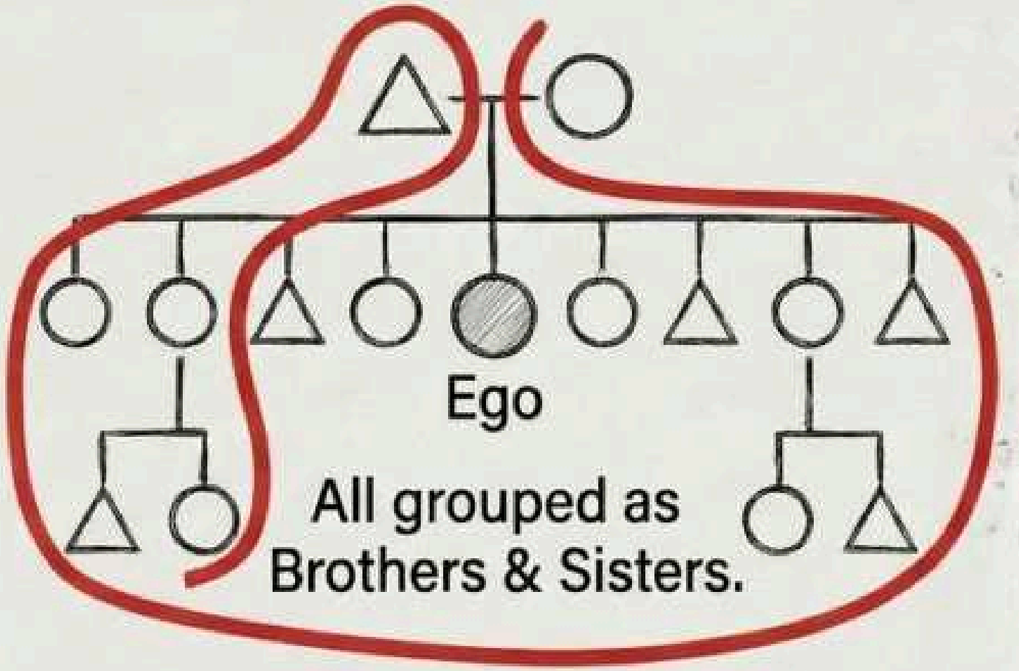
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English/Eskimo System



Hawaiian System





Lewis Henry Morgan: Striking patterns in global kin terms.

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$Name = Duty / Obligation$

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Father's Brother

Mother's Brother



Lineage Leader → Obedience & Respect.

Maternal Guide → Nurturance & Indulgence.



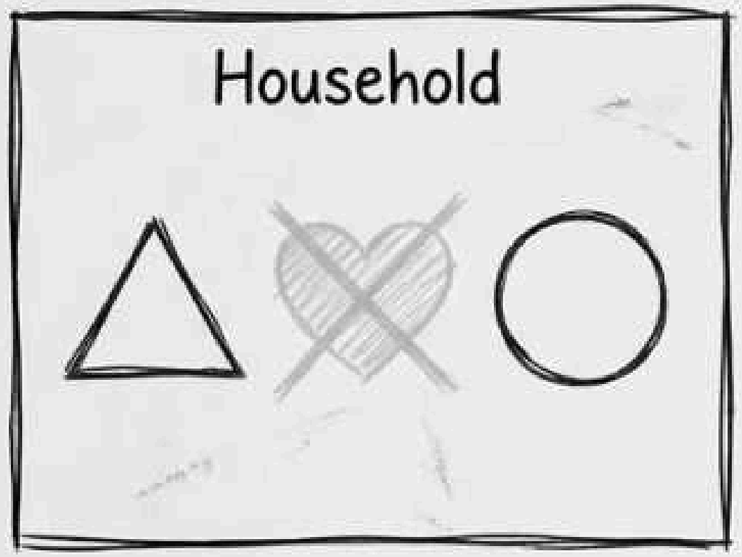
"Kinship terms are a map of social obligations. In some systems, cousins on one side are siblings; on the other, potential spouses."

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The Incest Taboo: Explanatory Theories

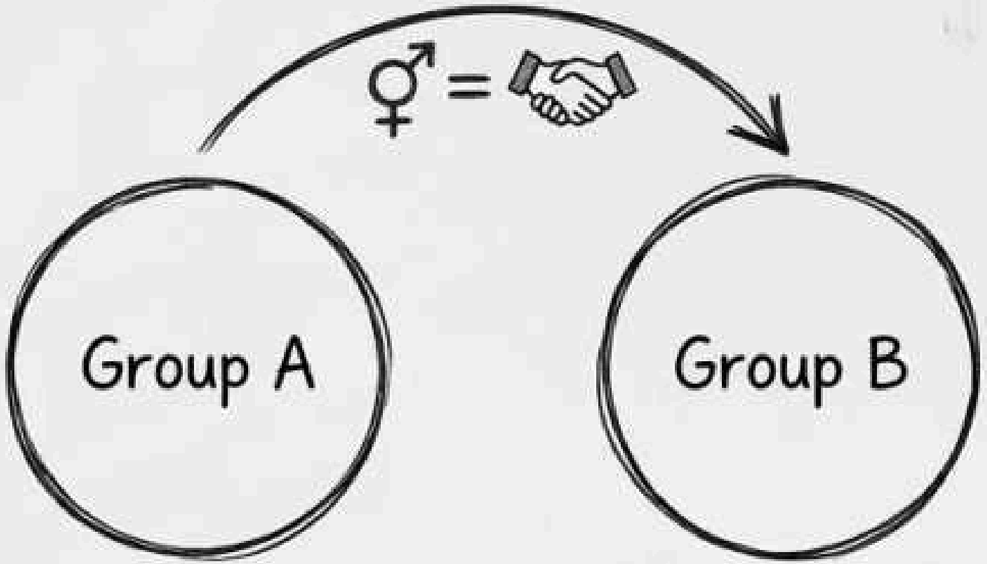
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Westermarck



Proximity = Loss of Sexual Interest

Lévi-Strauss

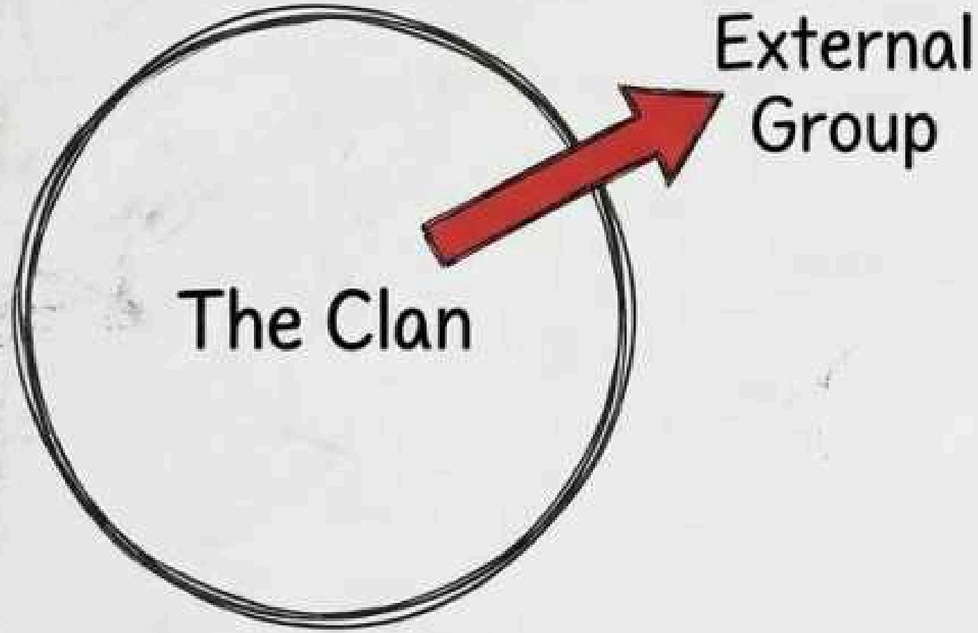


Marrying Out = Cross-Group Alliances

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Exogamy



Marrying outside the group.
Creates external political ties.

Endogamy



Marrying within the group.
Consolidates internal property and purity.

Marriages join families, move property, and make political ties
→ Arranged marriages are common worldwide to manage these stakes.

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The Core Rights

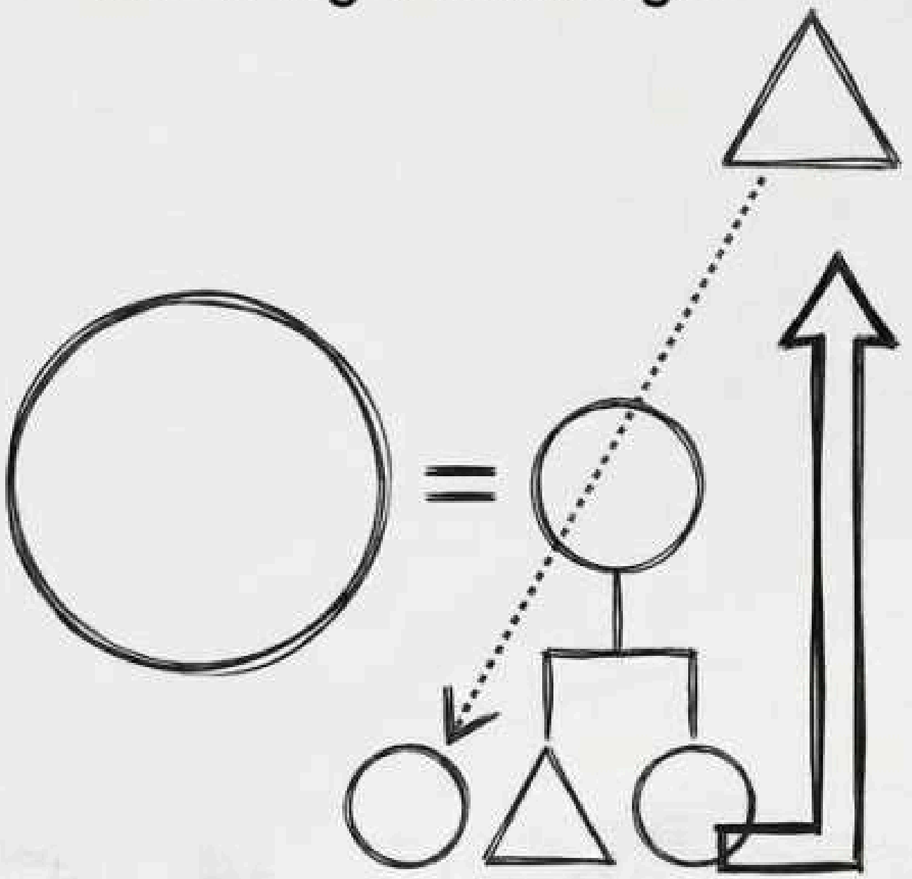
1. Recognizes a union
2. Sets rights over children
3. Sets rights over property
4. Creates in-laws

No single global definition exists beyond these functions.

The Nuer Example:

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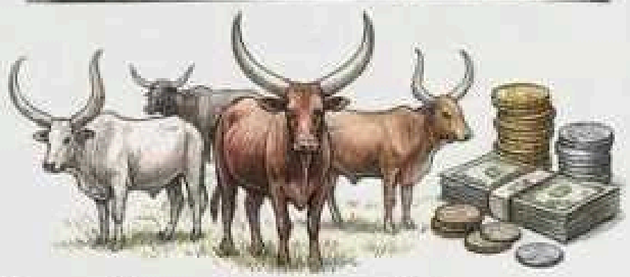
Nuer Female Husband: Securing the lineage.



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Bridewealth (Africa)

Groom's Family →  → Bride's Family

Compensates for the loss of her work and children.

Dowry (South Asia)

Bride's Family →  → Goes with the Bride into the marriage.

Brideservice

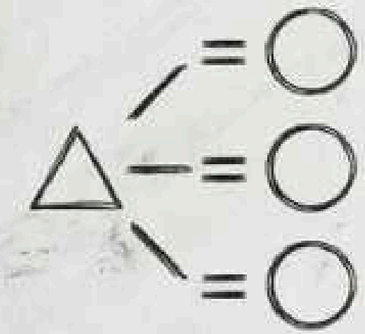
Groom →  → Bride's Family

Groom provides labor for a set time.

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Polygyny

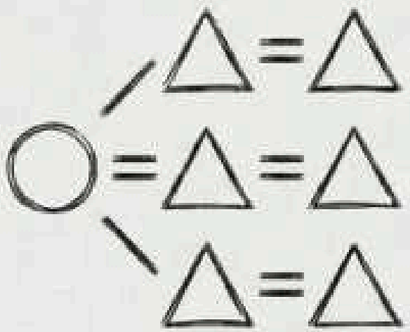


Most societies allow this. But economically restricted to the wealthy.

1:1 Monogamy

The statistical norm cross-culturally due to the sheer economic cost of multiple spouses.

Polyandry



Extremely rare. E.g., Himalayan brothers sharing a wife to preserve scarce land.

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Neolocal

Setting up a new, independent household (common in the U.S.).

3

Geography = Destiny.

Residence shapes who works together, who inherits, and where loyalty is strongest.

Patrilocal

Couple lives with husband's family.



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Matrilocal

Couple lives with wife's family.



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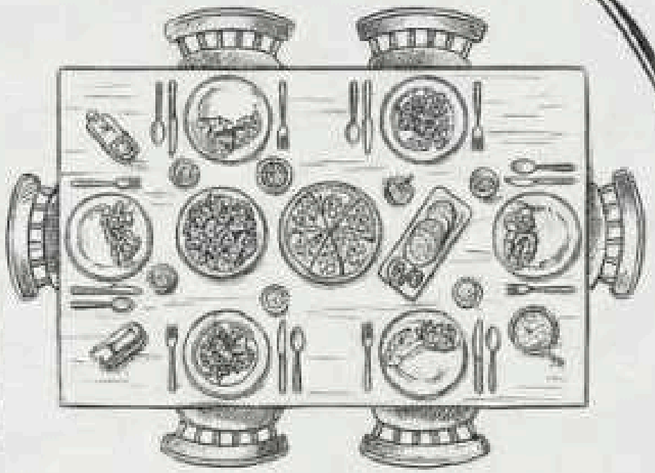
Family

- Nuclear (parents/children)
- Extended (multi-generation/ siblings)
- Single-parent
- Same-sex couples

Often the same, but NOT always.

A **household** is an economic/ residential unit; a **family** is a **kinship unit.**

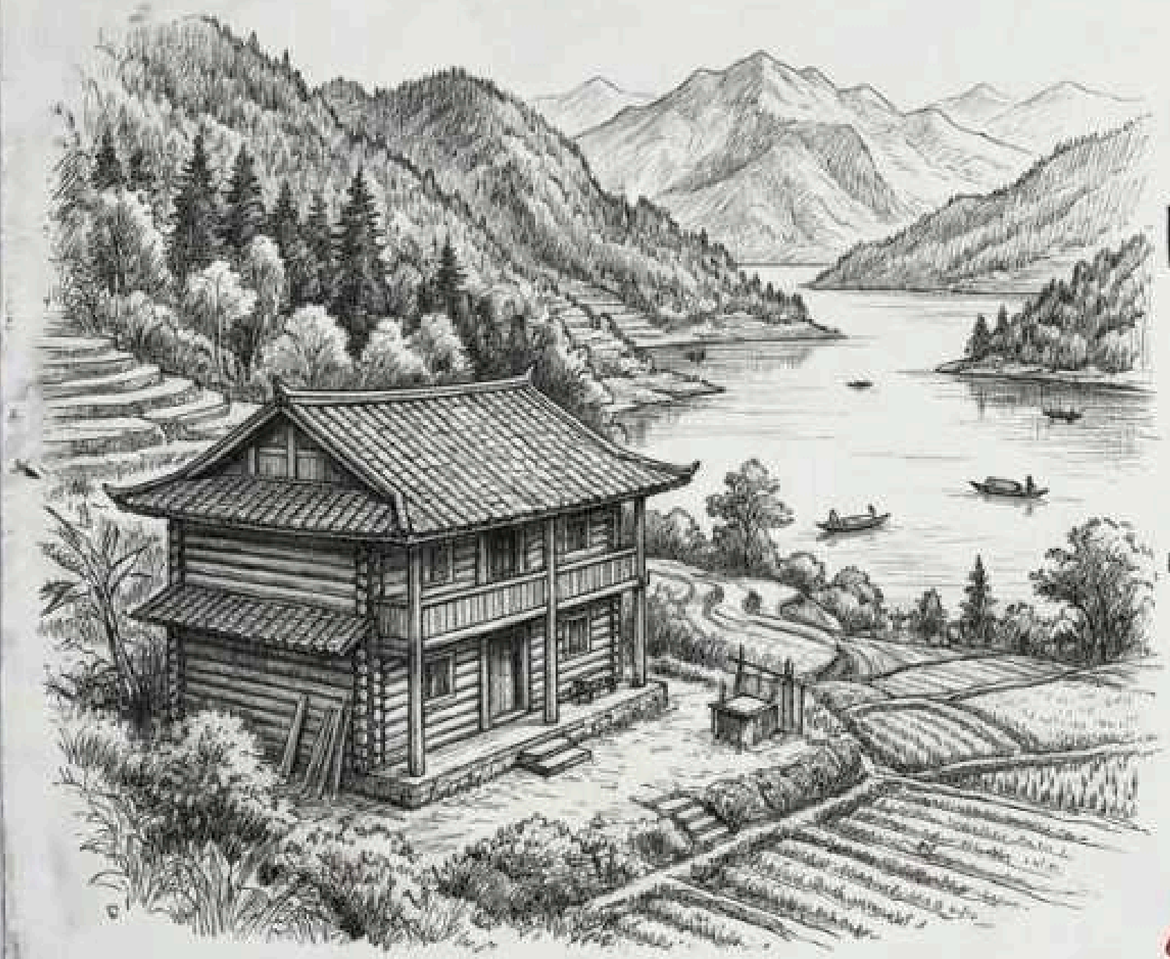
Household



The people who share a home and meals.

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Daytime → Adults stay and work in their maternal households (matrilineal structure).

Nighttime → Lovers visit at night (Walking Marriage).

Arrangements are actively changing due to tourism and state policy. Anthropologists against turning this dynamic culture into a static curiosity.

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Compadrazgo



Latin American co-parents creating trusted ties across families.

Forged Ties

Biological/ Descent Kin.

Forged Ties

Chosen Families

Kath Weston: Gay and lesbian communities forming "families we choose".

Forged Ties

Forged Ties

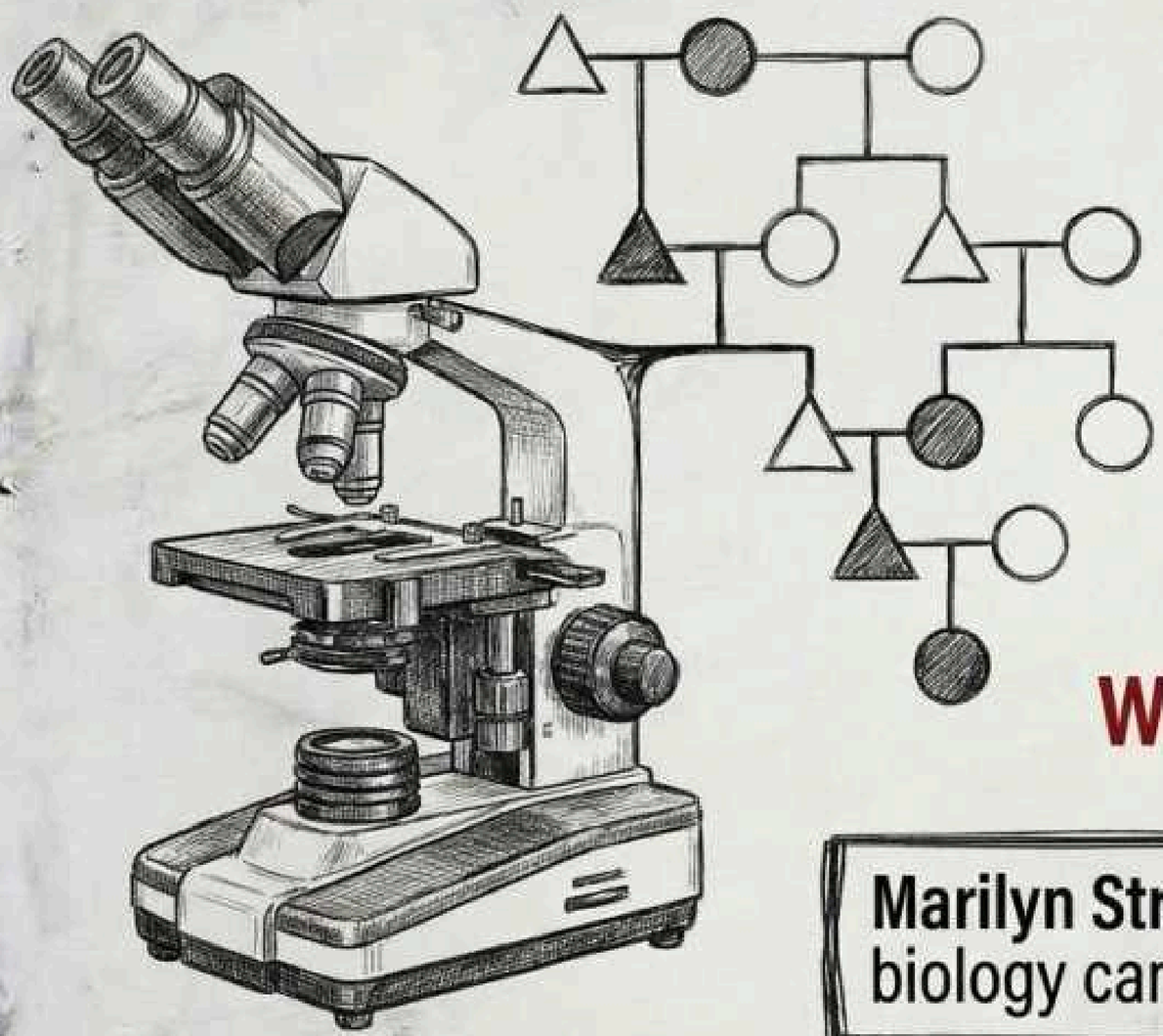
Blood Brotherhood & Adoption

Formalized bonds of deep obligation.

Kinship also grows from ritual. These ties carry deep, binding obligations.

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Who is a parent? What counts as a relative?

Marilyn Strathern: Rethinking kinship when biology can be assisted, tested, and bought.

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State Societies



Kinship shapes business, inheritance, and politics.

Often viewed externally as corruption or nepotism.

Non-State Societies



Kinship **IS** the State.

- Functions directly as:
  - Courts, Armies, and
  - Welfare Systems.

Understanding kinship is the key to understanding who owes what to whom, at every scale of society.

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$Kinship = A Cultural System for Creating Relationships$

[Descent Tracing] + [Marriage Rules] + [Family Residence]

Next: Organizing Power & Making Sense of the World (Religion & Ritual).

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