Lecture Notes – 11-4

Blended families:

* Result of divorce & remarriage
* Challenges?
  + Money difficulties: legal obligations, resentment
  + Stepchildren’s antagonism: children may hope for parents to remarry.
  + Unclear roles.

Single parents:

* Mostly women…legal system favors women.
* 30% of children live in single parent households. Latino and African-Americans experience higher rate.
* Adolescents in this environment are more likely to be deviant.

Childless marriage

* Happier with or without?

Dual employed marriages

* Men often unwilling to also assume household duties.
* Other negatives?
* Positives?

Cohabitation

* Does not help extend life of marriage.

Boomerang kids

* Adult children who return home.