

Individual interest

Individual interest is conceptualized as **a relatively stable affective-evaluative orientation toward certain subject areas or objects**. A high level of interest in a particular subject area involves close associations between that subject area and positive feeling- and value-related attributes (e.g., excitement).

What is an example of individual interest?

Individuals have an interest in **self-protection, sporting pleasure, or hunting** and so want to have guns and handguns. Society has an interest in reducing injuries and deaths caused by the use of such devices as weapons involved in crimes or accidents

What is family interest?

In the family interests model, families themselves are seen as having **interests that are neither identical to the sum, nor a simple function, of the interests of individual family members**. The family has goals, values, and aspirations that are essentially corporate rather than individual.^{01-Oct-2014}

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Definition

Several well-known online dictionaries define "family values" as the following:

- "the [moral](#) and [ethical](#) principles traditionally upheld and passed on within a family, as fidelity, honesty, truth, and faith. "values especially of a traditional or [conservative](#) kind which are held to promote the sound functioning of the family and to strengthen the fabric of society."
- "values held to be traditionally taught or reinforced within a family, such as those of high moral standards and discipline."

In politics

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In culture

World culture

Interpretations of [Islamic](#) learnings and [Arab culture](#) are common for the majority of [Saudis](#). [Islam](#) is a driving cultural force that dictates a submission to the will of [Allah](#).^[9] The academic literature suggests that the family is regarded as the main foundation of Muslim society and culture; the family structure and nature of the relationship between family members are influenced by the Islamic religion.^[10] Marriage in Saudi culture means the union of two families, not just two individuals.^[11] In Muslim society, marriage involves a social contract that occurs with the consent of [parents](#) or guardians. Furthermore, marriage is considered the only legitimate outlet for [sexual desires](#), and sex outside marriage ([fornication](#)) is a crime that is punished under Islamic law.^[12] This view of marriage is similar to the [Western Christian](#) view of marriage, created in 12th century [France](#), which promised [salvation](#), sex without sin, and much more.^[13]

The Saudi family includes extended families, as the [extended family](#) provides the individual with a sense of [identity](#). The father is often the [breadwinner](#) and protector of the family, whereas the mother is often the [homemaker](#) and the primary caretaker of the children.^[14] Parents are regarded with high respect, and children are strongly encouraged to respect and obey their parents. Often, families provide care for elders. Until recently, because families and friends are expected to provide [elderly care](#), [nursing homes](#) were considered culturally unacceptable.

United States culture

In sociological terms, nontraditional families make up the majority of American households.^[17] As of 2014, only 46% of children in the U.S. live in a traditional family, down from 61% in 1980.^[18] This number includes only families with parents who are in their first marriage, whereas the percentage of children simply living with two married parents is 65% as of 2016.^[19]

or *familism* is the [ideology](#) that puts priority on [family](#) and family values Familialism advocates for a welfare system where families, rather than the [government](#), take responsibility for the care of their members.^[6]

In the United States, the banner of family values has been used by [social conservatives](#) to express opposition to [abortion](#), [feminism](#), [pornography](#), [comprehensive sex education](#), [divorce](#), [homosexuality](#), [same-sex marriage](#), [civil unions](#), [secularism](#), and [atheism](#) American conservative groups have made inroads promoting these policies in [Africa](#) since the early 2000s, describing them as African family values