



SWA Sociology summer task - introducing the Family and household topic

Children and food poverty in breadline Britain

1. How many young people were identified as being in relative poverty between 2018 and 2019?
2. In 2020, what percentage of UK households were found to have parents and children who were not able to eat properly in the last 6 months?
3. How many independent food banks operate in the UK?
4. What compromises were identified in families where food shortage was experienced?
5. Of the low income families researched, how many were entitled to free school meals?
6. What allowance is provided for children on free school meals and how sufficient is this?
7. What additional consequences are identified from being in a low income family? How does this affect the experiences of childhood?
8. Who do you believe is responsible for ensuring children are adequately fed and provided for?
9. Of the recommendations identified in the study, which two do you believe would be most beneficial for dealing with food poverty in the UK?
10. Of the theoretical perspectives looked at during your induction lesson, can you choose one to apply to the above reading. Consider, how would they explain/perceive what is occurring in the UK today.

Digital coercive control and relationships

1. How is an abusive relationship defined?
2. In what ways can technology be a tool for abuse/coercion?
3. What does the article suggest needs to be considered when establishing whether a behaviour is harmful?
4. How many women are killed every week in England and Wales by a current or former partner?
5. Of the theoretical perspectives looked at during your induction lesson, can you choose one to apply to the above reading. Consider, how would they explain/perceive what is occurring in the UK today.

The first topic in sociology is the family and household. The above articles are relevant to the following points on the specification:

- the relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies
- gender roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society
- the nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society