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Feminist Perspective on family
The feminist theory sees the family as contributing to the exploitation of women in society. This exploitation is as a result of the woman subordinate position in the family or as a result of the capitalist system.

Criticisms of Feminist Perspective on family:
1) Feminist theory focuses too much on the role of women at the expense of other family members.
2) The concept of anarchic structure is too generalised.
3) The implication that all women are exploited in the family is overstated.

Marxist say the family has 4 major roles:
The first one is an agent of reproduction:
- Friedrich Engels said the family initially emerged to ensure paternity amongst the bourgeoisie. Secondly with the rise of capitalism Marxists contend that a patriarchal family was essential for producing the labour force.

Agent of economic production:
- With capitalism subsistent production did not take place,