relationship between the couple.

East Indian Family in the Caribbean.

- In Caribbean countries such as Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana where the East Indian population is large, there is a family type based on a strong patriarchy.

- In the traditional East Indian family, authority is held in the hands of the elder/older males in the society.

- Marriage is highly encouraged as a means to strengthen kinship ties.

The family as an institution has experienced a number of changes in its process as societies move from a pre-industrial to modern capitalist forms. These changes have resulted in both negative and positive consequences for the family. With the increasing number of women in the workplace, demands for men to share in domestic chores have increased, and with the traditional supported at the extent family being eroded with the movement towards nuclear family structure, we noted a gradual movement away from segregated roles in the family. Some sociologist have argued that the family is maintaining and improving its traditional functions rather than viewing some functions of the family such as