Families and Youth – humans are divided into two types
- The dependant (not responsible)
- The independent (responsible for actions)
- The transition to adulthood was the transition between these two types

In the past, transition to adulthood was high-ritualized and shorter (Bar Mitzvah, initiation, etc.)
Now, people go through adolescence – longer and longer stage of transition, many more little steps (job, car, school/grad, drinking, voting etc.)
- Boomerang children & crowded nests – children who move back into the parents' house after trying to be independent
- Arrested Development – resistance from teen, never want to grow up, enjoy the adolescent stage
- Helicopter Parents – parents who don’t want children to grow up, overprotective
- Delays in marriage have increased over time (happens later), schooling levels are also increasing

Same Sex Marriage – increasing
Those who favor – more people didn't before and do now (changed mind)
Those who oppose – most remain opposed, didn’t change their minds to be opposing