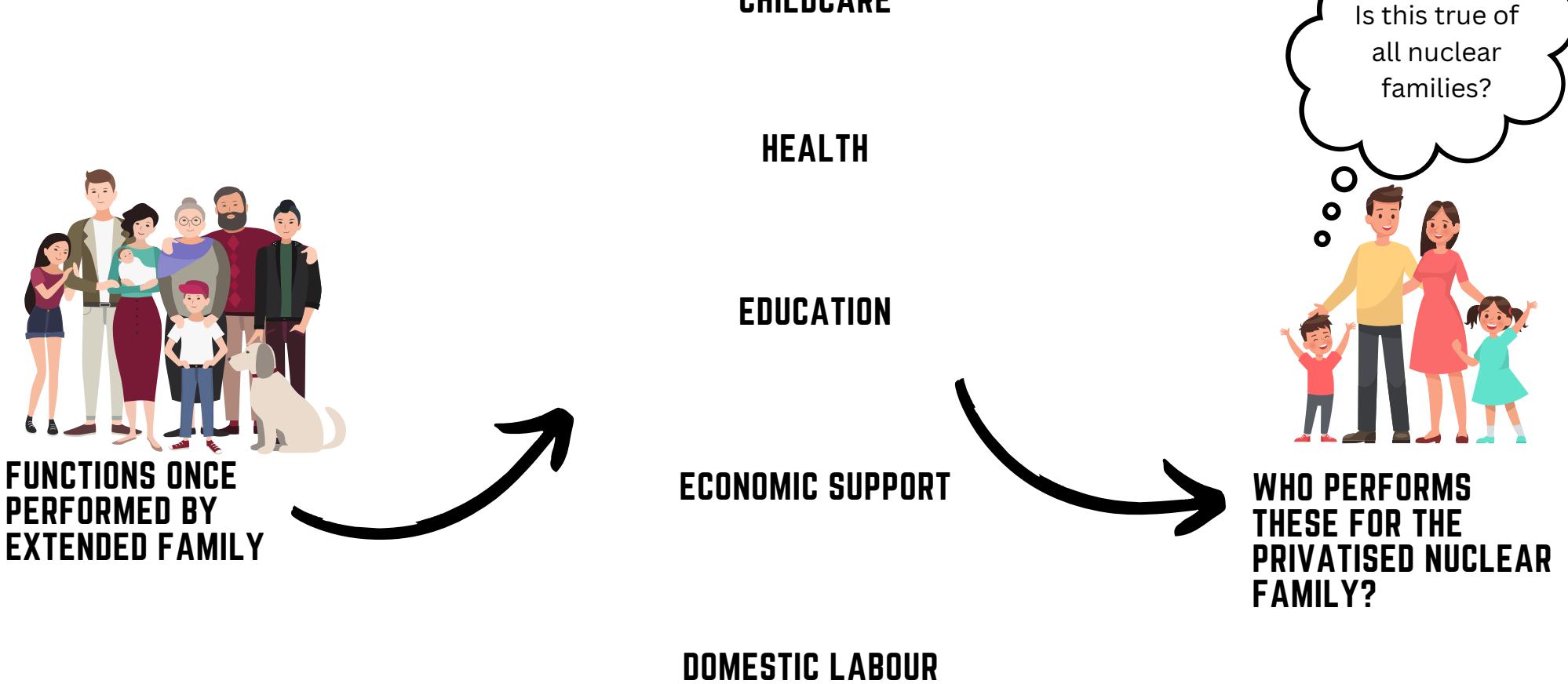


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**FUNCTIONS ONCE  
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Children in full-time education or the provision of childcare either formally or informally

## HEALTH

Creation of NHS to provide healthcare for members of the family

## EDUCATION

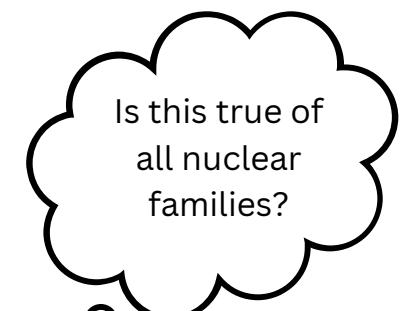
State school system provides much of education children require, even providing some functions of primary socialisation

## ECONOMIC SUPPORT

If not through employment, this is achieved through state welfare - often dual income households in 21st century

## DOMESTIC LABOUR

Initially through expressive role, although this has been reduced through technology and for higher earners through paying people to provide services



Is this true of all nuclear families?



**WHO PERFORMS THESE FOR THE PRIVATISED NUCLEAR FAMILY?**