

PRIVATISING THE FAMILY

Sociologists have suggested that the family has begun to privatise the functions once performed by the extended family. While some research, such as that of the early industrial family by Wilmott and Young would suggest the extended family still has its functions, Parsons would suggest that the nuclear family has become privatised - often outsourcing the functions the extended family once performed to other social institutions. **Compare the functions performed by the extended family (on left) and suggest what other institutions might perform these functions in contemporary society.**

