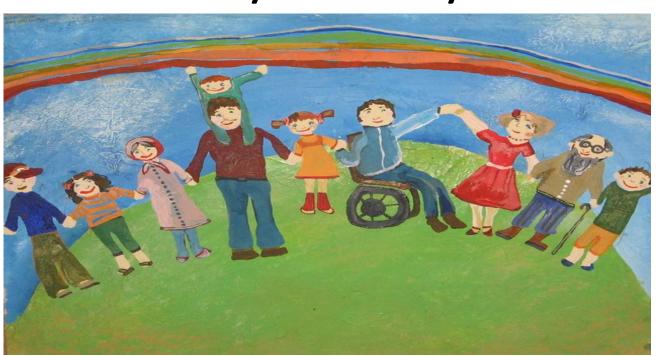


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Family identity



What are we going to talk about?

- The phenomena of family identity
- Different approaches to the research of family identity
- Statuses and formation of family identity
- Methods of studying family identity

Identity

- Identity is a popular branch in modern psychology, a lot of scientists talk about the crisis of identity nowadays.
- Rapidly changing world defines the change of identity (personal identity, gender, cultural identity, professional identity, religious identity, family identity etc.)

The definition of identity

E. Erikson defines identity as:

"Ego identity, then, in its subjective aspect, is the awareness of the fact that there is a self-sameness and continuity to the ego's synthesizing methods and a continuity of one's meaning for others" (1963).



3 ways of definition of identity

- After E. Erikson scientists defined identity in different ways. If we want to classify all of these approaches, we will talk about 3 main branches in definition of identity:
- Concerning to personal estimates,
- Concerning to social-role aspects of personality,
- Concerning to self-sameness, wholeness of personality.

Types of identity

- Defining identity is very complicated, so many scientists prefer classify different types of identity.
- The first type is personal identity,
- The second type is social identity.

Social identity

- National
- Cultural
- Ethnic
- Gender
- Professional
- Sexual
- Family
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- The first one who mentioned "family identity"
 was Nathan Ackerman. He understands family
 identity as "emotional and cognitive WE of the
 family".
- Family identity means also the feeling of belonging to the family group.

Researches of family identity

- Paechter C. (2000)
- Cigoli V., Scabini E. (2006)
- Smart C. (2011)
- Mineeva O.A. (2011)
- Luk'janchenko N.V. (2012)
- Furrow J. L., Bradley B., Johnson S. M. (2013)
- ...

Structure of family identity

- Emotional component
- Cognitive component
- Behavioral component
- Estimative component



Statuses of family identity

(Following J. Marcia)

Foreclosure

"The foreclosure status is when a commitment is made without exploring alternatives. Often these commitments are based on parental ideas and beliefs that are accepted without question"

Diffusion

Identity Diffusion is the mark of those who have neither explored nor made commitments across life-defining areas. They may or may not have experienced an identity crisis, with some reporting having little interest in such matters and others reporting repeated indecision.

Statuses of family identity

Moratorium

Marcia notes that "moratoriums...report experiencing more anxiety than do Ss in any other status...The world for them is not, currently, a highly predictable place; they are vitally engaged in a struggle to make it so"

Achievement

Once a crisis has been experienced and worked through, Marcia considered, "a likely progression would be from diffusion through moratorium to identity achievement"

Methods

- Questioners
- Conversation
- Graphic and art-methods



Thank you for your attention!

