

Analysis of Social Processes in a Family

The social process triangles can be used to analyse both macro (the global economy) and micro (local community) situations. Social processes also exist within the family unit. The triangles can help shed light on the dynamics with any particular family. 'Family' can refer to the family one was raised in, a large extended family, the family one has founded, or the individual as a family.

Economic Processes

What resources does your family have access to that keep it in being: natural, human,

technological? What does your family produce?

How does your family participate in economic exchange?

Political Processes

What do you do to maintain order in your family?

What rules do you make?

What do you do when the rules (laws) are broken?

How does your family decide its policies and make and implement its decisions?

How does your family participate responsibly in society?

Cultural Processes

How does your family take the means to keep learning as a family?

How does your family honour and celebrate the roles of children, adults and elders?

How does your family keep itself related to what is deepest and most sacred in life?

What myths and symbols keep your family related to its final meaning?