

L028 Money and financial power - DepthNotes

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • Couples • 90 minutes

Depth teaching notes

This resource deliberately reteaches theory and named studies so learners are not expected to rely on prior memory.

Marxist/socialist feminism: financial inequality connects family power to labour-market inequality and unpaid care.

Liberal feminism: equal access to paid work and rights can improve bargaining power, but access is not always equal.

New Right: may stress family stability and responsibility, but can underplay unequal control and dependence.

Pahl & Vogler: Different money-management systems can reveal unequal control even when income is shared. Evaluation: A key study for distinguishing access, control and management.

Barrett & McIntosh: Men may gain more from women's domestic labour and financial dependence. Evaluation: Highlights structural inequality but needs comparison with changing employment.

Contemporary policy context: Benefits, childcare costs and insecure work can shape financial dependence. Evaluation: Connects household power to wider structures.

Coercive control lens: Financial control can restrict choices even without visible conflict. Evaluation: Requires careful, non-sensational handling and support signposting in teaching notes.

Sources: AQA specification:

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