

## QUESTIONS FROM WEEK 1 READINGS - *Updated*

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### **COONTZ**

Coontz makes the assertion that our beliefs about 1950's families are largely based on the television situation comedies of that day (which we can still view on TV). Name four ways in which family life in the 50's was less than ideal.

### **BECKER**

What role do preferences and constraints play in an economic model of behavior? Why should social security and better insurance markets weaken family ties?

### **TAYLOR**

Of the racial/ethnic groups that Taylor discusses in his article, discuss

- one group for whom recent family trends have been affected less by immigration and more by economic pressures in the U.S., and
- one group for whom family trends have been affected more by immigration.

*You should be able to answer these in 1 to 2 paragraphs or 3 to 10 sentences.*