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**The Modern Family**

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There is a landmark research tonight about an institution we are all part of : the American family.

And not too long ago, a wife, a husband, 2 kids, that was the definition of the American family.

But divorce, gay parents, unmarried couples with children, all this is changing what we think.

So, researchers set out to determine : how do we define an American family today ? Here’s John Burman :

« There’s the Adams family, the first family, my family, the Partridge family. All called « family » or what counts as family.

What we find is that people are moving away from the traditional definition of family and they are moving towards a modern definition of the family.

The modern family, indeed, comes in many combinations.

Nearly 100% of us agree that a husband, a wife and kids counts as a family.

No kids ? 92% say that’s a family. Those kids make a difference.

Children provide us –quotes- guarantee that moves you to family status.

For instance, an unmarried man and woman living together : under 40% say that’s a family. Give them kids : it jumps to 83%. That’s up 5% in 2003.

Gay couple : 33% say that’s a family. With kids : 64%, a 10% jump in just the last 7 years.

People right now are really re-evaluating their views on same-sex couples.

What about pets ? More than half of us says they are in the family. »