## **Chapter 13 Discussion Questions**

### 13.1.1 Cohabitation

What beliefs and values have historically constrained couples from cohabitating? What social changes have occurred to allow cohabitation to become a social norm within the courtship process?

### 13.2.1 Parenting Styles

Review the different parenting styles discussed in the chapter. What type of parenting style did your parents have with you? In your opinion, is one parenting style better than another?

### 13.3.1 Family Social Problems

What do you think are the three most important social problems facing families today? Will these issues be resolved in the next twenty years? Why or why not?

### More Than a Theory

### 13.3.2 Functionalist

How does the government promote and protect the family? Can you think of new policies to implement to further protect the American family?

### 13.3.3 Conflict

What are the macro-level public policies that might change the way people view domestic violence?

### 13.3.4 Symbolic Interactionist

What interventions can lessen the cycle of abuse?

### 13.4.1 Family and the Sociological Imagination

Your book discusses teen pregnancy and divorce as examples of issues that have both personal and public natures. Can you identify other examples associated with the family that has both personal troubles and public issues?

### 13.5.1 Paternal Leave

In your opinion, will the issue of parental leave in the United States be solved in your lifetime? Consider the leave policies in other countries and create your ideal paternal leave policy that would benefit all different types of families.