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## Figure 10.2.23. Family breakdown

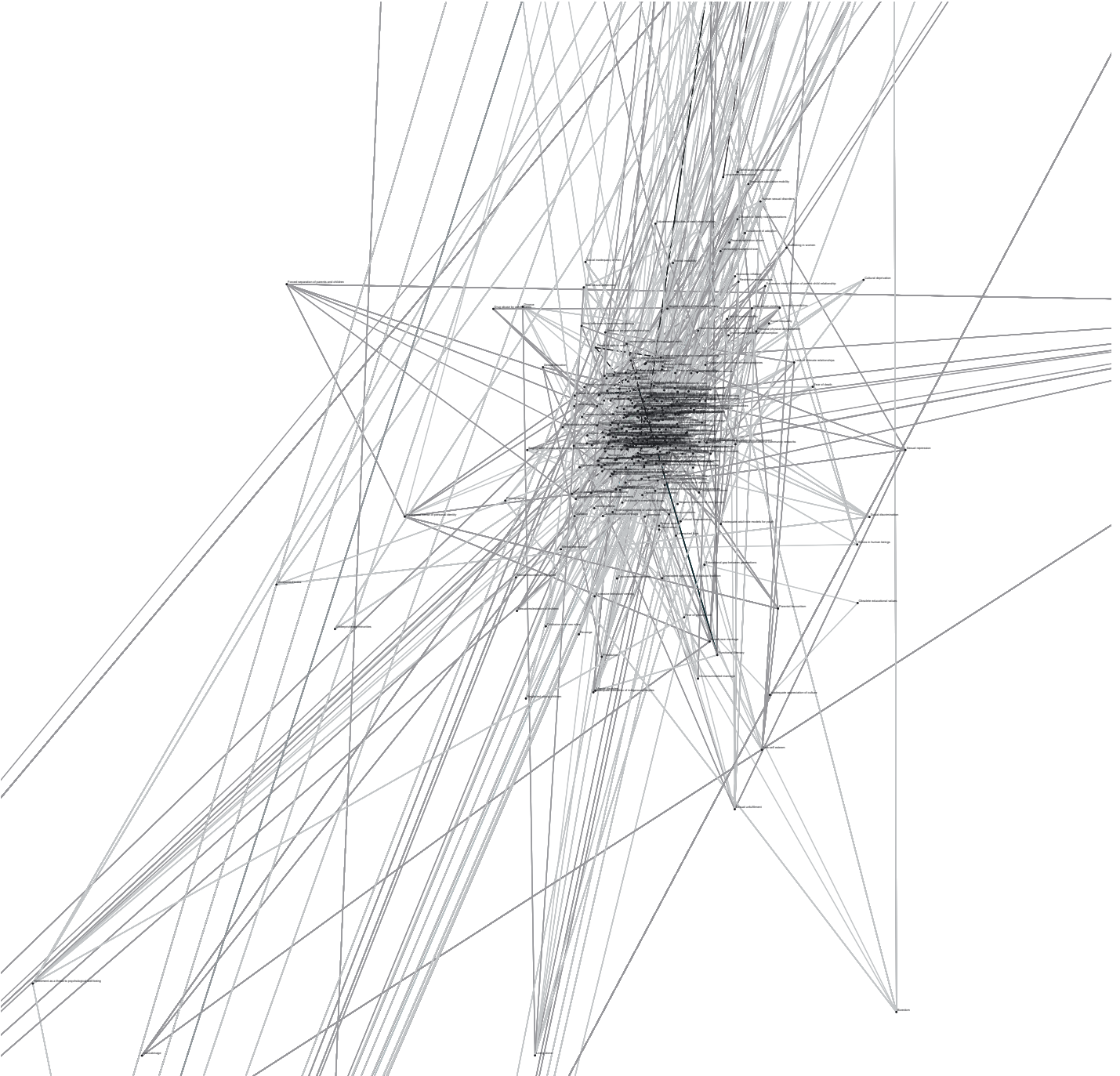
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**Database:** World Problems and Issues

**Link type:** aggravated by problems (loops only)

**Network nodes:** 357

**UIA database:** <http://db.uia.org/scripts/sweb.dll/uiaf?DD=PR&CL=2&DR=C2102>



Whether the family is taken to mean a nuclear, extended or single parent family, the maladjustment of family life to prevailing conditions may result in emotional stress, crime, juvenile delinquency, promiscuity, poverty, and (ultimately) in family breakdown. It may be the result of cultural invasion (primitive tribes and developing countries) or too rapid technical and economic change without corresponding social change. Families may breakdown in the form of marriage breakdown, or as a break in the traditional structure of the family, nuclear or extended; it may also be indicated by a break in traditional family roles, such as a dominant father: submissive mother and children. Families also breakdown when destitute parents sell their children into slavery; or in a social welfare system when children may be taken from destitute parents and put into institutions. Homelessness and natural disasters, including death, may also split up families. Family breakdown may cause a loss of identity and severe adjustment problems for the individual, and have additional consequences for the society, depending on the nature of the community.