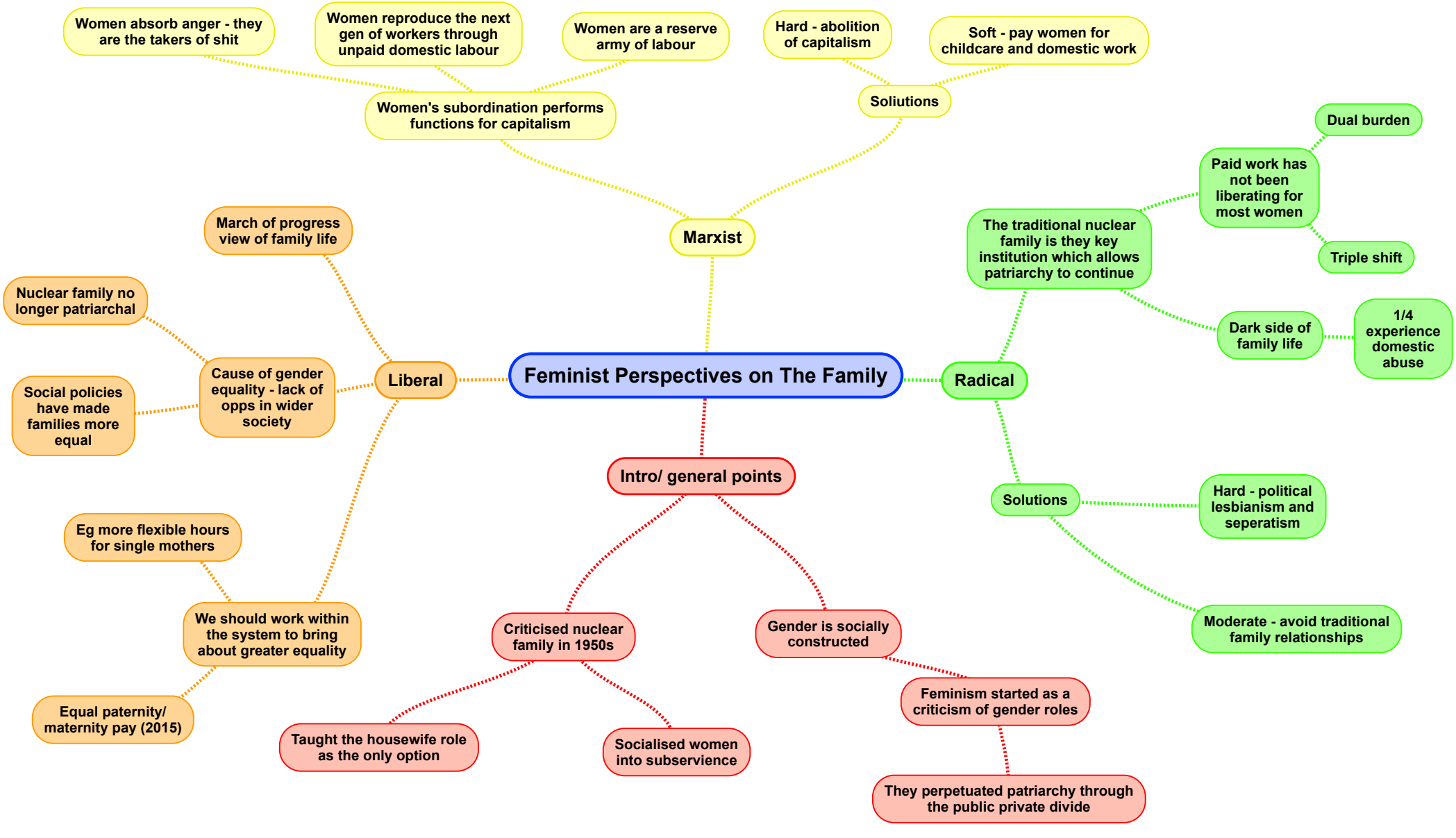
Feminist Perspectives on The Family
Marxist
Women absorb anger - they are the takers of shit
Women reproduce the next gen of workers through unpaid domestic labour
Women are a reserve army of labour
Women's subordination performs functions for capitalism
Hard - abolition of capitalism
Soft - pay women for childcare and domestic work
Soliutions
Liberal
March of progress view of family life
Nuclear family no longer patriarchal
Cause of gender equality - lack of opps in wider society
Social policies have made families more equal
We should work within the system to bring about greater equality
Eg more flexible hours for single mothers
Equal paternity/ maternity pay (2015)
Radical
The traditional nuclear family is they key institution which allows patriarchy to continue
Paid work has not been liberating for most women
Dual burden
Triple shift
Dark side of family life
1/4 experience domestic abuse
Solutions
Hard - political lesbianism and seperatism
Moderate - avoid traditional family relationships
Intro/ general points
Criticised nuclear family in 1950s
Taught the housewife role as the only option
Socialised women into subservience
Gender is socially constructed
Feminism started as a criticism of gender roles
They perpetuated patriarchy through the public private divide