Perspective 2- There is no greater equality in conjugal roles

Parenting

 The definition of parenting; process of taking care of children until they are old enough to take care of themselves. There is no greater equality in conjugal roles because women still are predominately the main carer and are victims of the triple shift.

**Studies**

In recent years there have been a number of sociological studies including:

**Boulton (1983):** Points out that although fathers may help by performing specific childcare tasks, it is usually the mother who takes responsibilities for the child’s security and wellbeing.

**Ferri and Smith (1996):** Found that fathers took responsibility for childcare in than 4% of all families.

**Dex and Ward (2007):** Contrasted relatively high levels of involvement with responsibility for three year olds.

78% of fathers actively played with their children but only 1% would take responsibility for a sick child.

**Braun, Vincent and Ball (2011):** out of a study of 70 families, only three of them had the father as the main carer.