

Table IV.1 The Impact of Institutions at Each Level of Analysis

	Family	Education	Economic Systems	Political Systems	Religion	Medicine
Micro (local “franchises” of institutions)	Your family; local parenting group; local Parents Without Partners; county family counseling clinic	Your teacher; local neighborhood school; local school board	Local businesses; local chamber of commerce; local labor union chapter	Neighborhood crime watch program; local city or county council	Your local religious study group or congregation	Your doctor and nurse; local clinic; local hospital
Meso (institutions, complex organizations, ethnic subcultures, state/provincial systems)	The middle class family; the Hispanic family; the Jewish family	State/ provincial department of education; American Federation of Teachers*	State/ provincial offices of economic development; United Auto Workers*	State/ provincial governments; national political parties; each state or province’s supreme court	National denominations/ movements (e.g., United Methodist Church or American Reform Judaism)	HMOs; Minnesota Nurses Association; American Medical Association
Macro (national and global social systems and trends)	Kinship and marriage structures, such as monogamy versus polygamy; global trends in family, such as choice of partners rather than arranged marriages	National education system; United Nations Girls’ Education Initiative	Spread of capitalism around the world; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; World Trade Organization	National government; United Nations; World Court; G-7 (most powerful seven nations in the world)	Global faith-based movements and structures; National Council of Churches; World Council of Churches; World Islamic Council; World Jewish Congress	National health care system; World Health Organization; transnational pandemics

*These organizations are national in scope and membership, but they are considered meso level here because they are complex organizations *within* the nation.