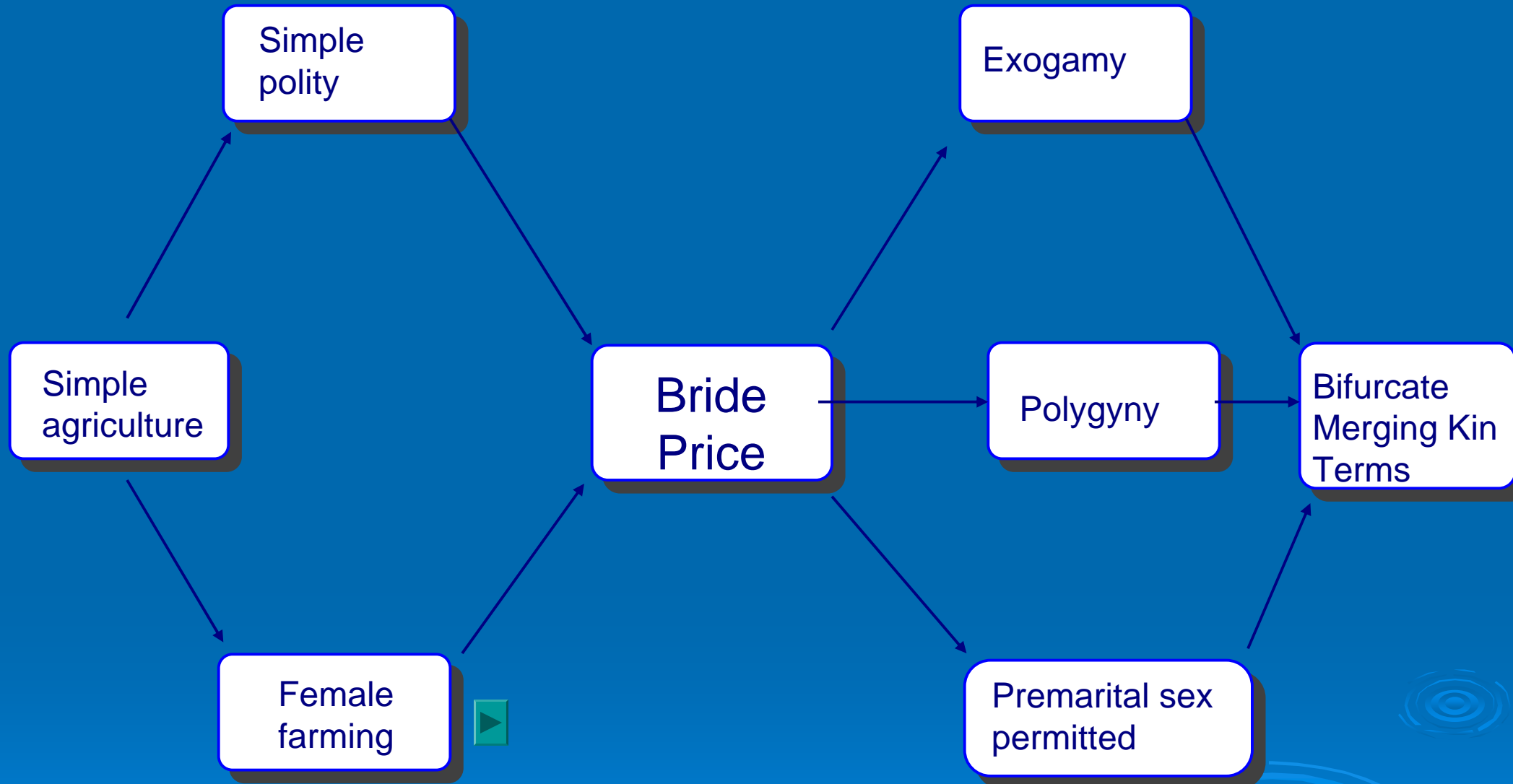


Brideprice Systems



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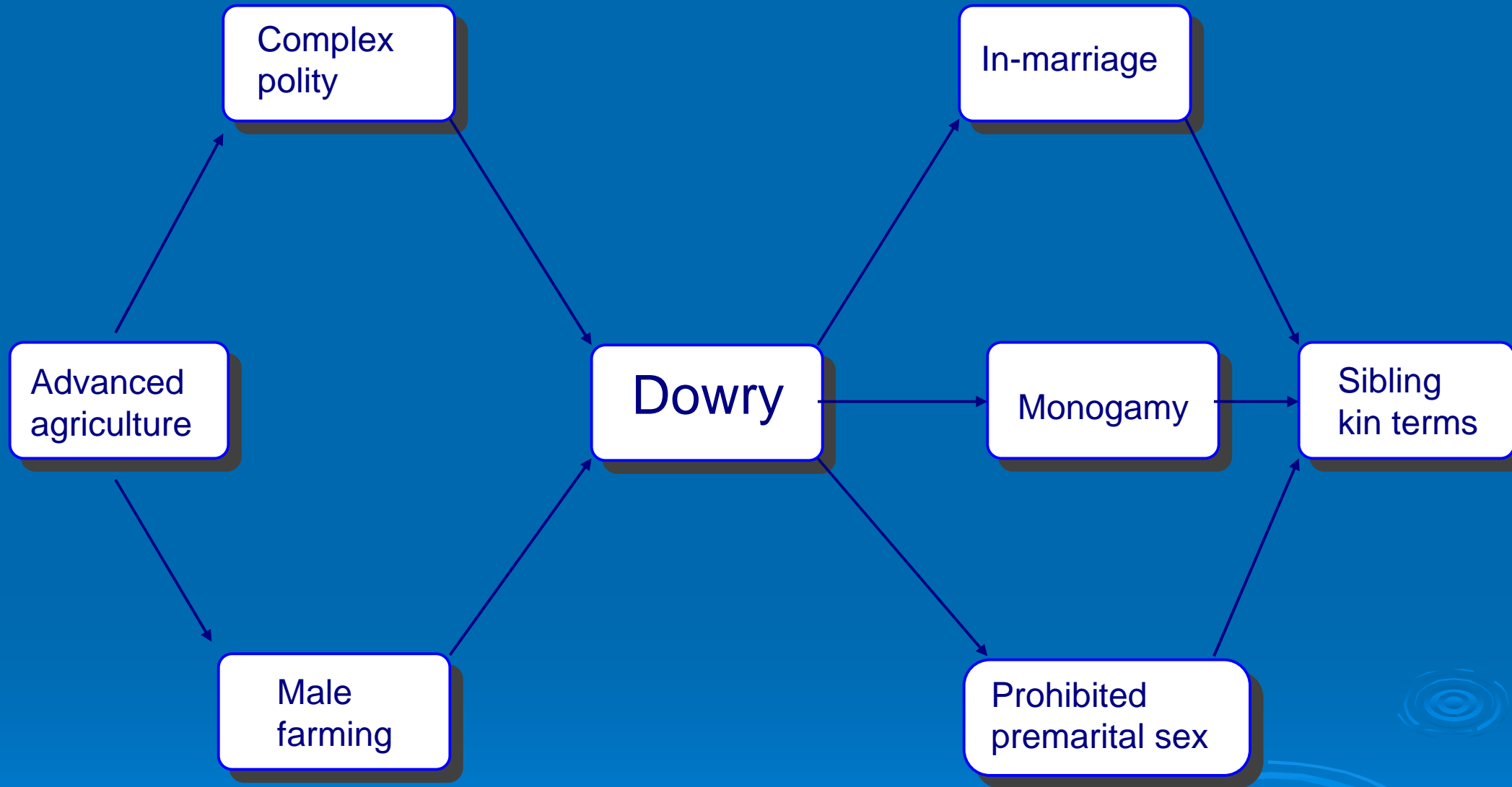
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The Value of Virginity

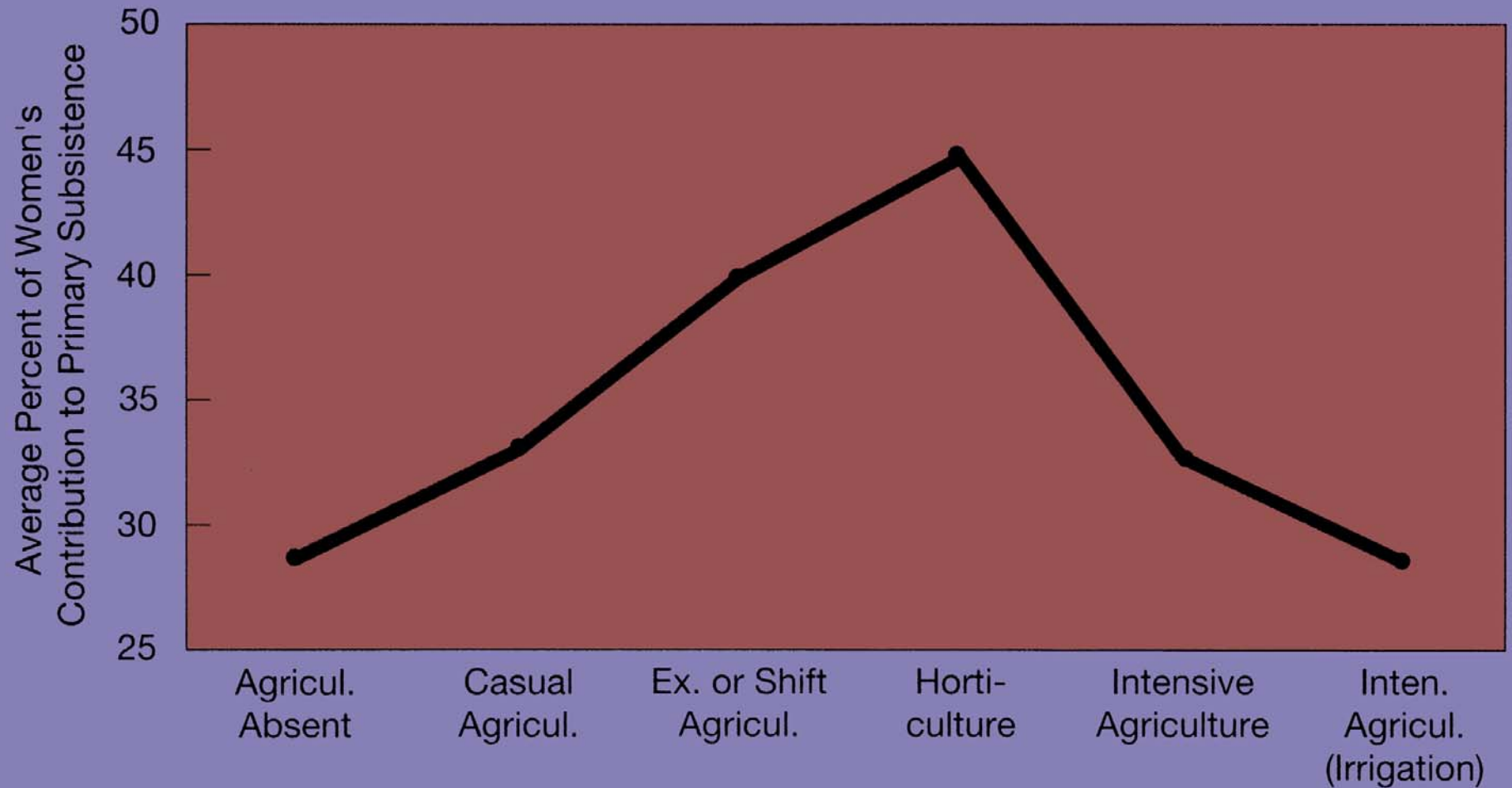
Virginity

Economic Transaction	None	Bride Price	Bride Service	Gift Exchange	Dowry & indirect dowry	Total
Virginity valued	3	16	6	9	18	52
Virginity not valued	26	27	10	3	7	73

N=125; Chi-square = 27.13; p<0.0001

Alice Schlegel, *American Ethnologist*, 18: 719-734 (1991)

Female Contributions to Primary Food Production



HH and DD: Further Contrasts

	Bride Price	Dowry
Heir Production	not relevant because of lateral inheritance	important because of lineal inheritance and random demographic events
Adoption	by kin for care of parentless children	sometimes by kin for heir production
Non-reproductive adults	rare	spinsters and bachelors
Alternative marriage forms	none	concubines & <u>morganatic</u> unions
Marriage	polygyny	monogamy
Gaining high status	accumulation of human resources	Accumulation of capital resources
Divorce	common	rare
Religious orders for non-reproductive celibates	absent	present, celibates in religious order are relatively common

Morganatic Marriage

Etymology: New Latin *matrimonium ad morganaticam*, literally, marriage with morning gift

Date: circa 1741

of, relating to, or being a marriage between a member of a royal or noble family and a person of inferior rank in which the rank of the inferior partner remains unchanged and the children of the marriage do not succeed to the titles, fiefs, or entailed property of the parent of higher rank