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The standard, well-studied, well-known chain of parameters $\text{ir}(G) \leq \gamma(G) \leq \text{i}(G) \leq \beta(G) \leq \Gamma(G) \leq \text{IR}(G)$ arises from the observations that an independent set is maximally independent if and only if it is dominating, and a dominating set is minimally dominating if and only if it is irredundant. We observe that these parameters are defined relative to the edge set $E(G)$. By considering two natural extensions of independence and varying the collection $\mathcal{R} = \{R_1, R_2, \dots, R_t\}$ of subsets of the vertex set relative to which these notions of “independence” are defined results in several generalized \mathcal{R} -parametric chains. (Received September 01, 2008)