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Bio-Psychosocial Assessment

I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Clevence.

History:

Mr. Clevence is a 61-year-old African male descendant from Haiti. Clevence migrated to America at the age of 41 and has been residing here since. He is approximately 5'11" in height and weight 180 Lbs. Mr. Clevence is the oldest of five, two sisters and two brothers. Mr. Clevence has been married for 31 years and has 6 children with his wife Roudith who was his high school sweetheart and he has 8 grandchildren. Clevence is currently employed as a technician in a printing company. He owns a single home with his wife, and he has stable health insurance through his employer.

Clevence is well-groomed cleanly shaved, he was able to make good eye contact, and showed appropriate respect with normal speech and appropriate affect but was a little emotional at the end. Clevence enjoys family times, singing and listening to music. Clevence is Christian, he enjoys going to church and serving his church. He is fluent in three languages French, Creole and English. Mr. Clevence graduated from college last year where he obtained a Bachelor in Art Degree in Theology.

Infancy

According to Mr. Clevence, he was well cared for by his mother. He stated he was loved and very attached to his mother. He stated his mother was a single mother because his father left

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them when he was 3 months old, according to his mother he was well cared for by her. And was a happy child.

Biological:

According to Mr. Clevence, he was born full term and his mother had a healthy pregnancy. He stated according to his mother, he had no medical issues, he was a healthy child and had met his developmental stage on time. He stated his physical growth and brain development were well developed. He stated that according to his mother, he started walking at 9 months and talking at 12 months.

Psychological:

According to Erikson's theory, the first two stages of children's development are concerned with trust versus mistrust and autonomy versus shame and doubt which is the second stage.

Clevence was able to master these developmental stages well with the help of his mother. He stated that he was loved and well cared for by his mother. He stated his basic needs were met accordingly. Therefore, he was able to move to the next stage with no problem. He stated although his father was not present. Hence, he was well cared for and loved by his mother. It is to believe that Clevence has mastered this stage well with no issue which helped him to move to the next developmental stage in life.

Social:

He stated for 2 years during that stage it was just him and his mother, he stated that his mother told him that he was very attached to her. According to his mother, stated Clevence, he was a very friendly child. He stated his mother was very poor. He stated at the age of 2 his mother met his stepfather and at the age of 3 his sister was born. He stated his mother then moved to a new neighborhood which was also poor, but much better than the previous neighborhood.

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Early and Middle Childhood

According to Clevence, he started attending school at 3 years old. He stated that he got along well with his classmate according to his mother. He stated he remembers his mother taking him to school. He also stated that he remembers at this stage that he was defending his mother while having a fight with his stepfather.

Biological:

According to Clevence, he has no medical issues and no developmental issues. He stated he was a very healthy child. He stated he was very independent as he was eating by himself and was potty trained. He stated between the age 3 and 4 years old, he was able to dress himself. He stated he by the age of 7, he was helping his mother with his baby sister. He stated that his mother told him that he was very protective of his baby sister and baby brother. He stated during his middle childhood his mother gave birth to another child. He stated he remembers helping his mother with his baby sister and his baby brother. He stated he was very independent; he was very active with no physical issues. He stated his mother told him when walking to school, he always wants to walk by himself.

Psychological:

Initiative versus guilt is the third stage of Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development. This stage occurs during the preschool years, between the ages of 3 and 5. Industry versus inferiority is the fourth stage of Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development which occurred during the middle childhood stage.

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It is to believe that Clevence has mastered these two stages well with no issue which helped him to move to the next developmental stage in life. He stated that he had no physical issues. He stated he used to play hide and seek with his friend.

Social:

According to Mr. Clevence, he attended school full time. He was doing well in school socially and had many friends as he was very friendly. He stated even when he transferred to a new school at the age of 8 years old, he was able to make new friends with no problem. He stated though he had a stepfather, but he was never attached to him. He stated his community was very supportive because when his mother was not around, his neighbor used to watch over him and his siblings. He stated he attended school daily and was a head in his class.

Adolescence

According to Clevence, he started during his adolescent years. He stated he had a lot of friends and was accepted by his friends. He stated that he was the leader among his friends. He stated he remembered moving to a new neighborhood and because he was new to the neighborhood other peers thought they could bully him. However, he stood up and fought them. He later was the leader. He stated he was a smart child who attended school regularly. He stated he was also a head in his class. He stated he used to play soccer and was very good at it. He stated he met his wife when he was 17 years old and later, she was pregnant with his first born. He stated by the time he was 18 years old; he was already a father.

Biological:

According to Clevence, he was healthy and had no medical issues. He stated that he was physically well developed and psychologically well developed he as well was involved in sport.

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Psychological

Identity versus confusion is the fifth stage of Erikson theory, according to Erikson's the developmental tasks are to explore their independence and develop a sense of self. They develop emotional development, membership in the peer group and romantic and sexual relationships. Erickson believes that as they transition from childhood to adulthood, teens may begin to feel confused or insecure about themselves and how they fit into society. Clevence was very confused during this stage as he became a father and did not know what to do as he entered fatherhood very early. He stated he remembers his mother was very angry with him Because he was still in high school. He stated after graduating from high school, he couldn't go to college because he had to work to care for his son.

He stated this stage was very stressful and confusing because he was dating many girls, as he didn't have a father figure and did not know how to be a father.

Social:

According to Clevence, he was very social, had a lot of friends. He stated he got along well with his peers. However, he was having issues between his girlfriend and his friends because his girlfriend wanted him to be with his son and stated a lot of time, he had to choose between spending time with his friend or his son. In addition, he stated though he had his girlfriend pregnant, he was dating different girls which made it hard. Nonetheless, he was very involved in his son's life and started working full time to take care of his son.

Young Adulthood

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According to Clevence, in his young adulthood, he had already established a family, he had already 5 children and married his high school sweetheart. He stated he was mature as he was taking care of his responsibility such as his children.

Biological:

Clevence had no medical issues, he was a healthy young adult, he was working. He stated he never visited a doctor, but he was healthy. He stated he was very strong physically.

Psychological

Intimacy versus isolation is the sixth stage of Erik Erikson's theory of psychosocial development. This stage takes place during young adulthood between the ages of approximately 19 and 40. According to Erikson, during this period, the major conflict centers on forming intimate, loving relationships with other people. Success at this stage leads to fulfilling relationships. Failure, on the other hand, can result in feelings of loneliness and isolation.

Clevence mastered this stage well. However, he stated he was struggling a little due to financial reasons. He stated he was settled with his wife, he got married at the age of 31 and had already 3 children. Later after his marriage he gave birth to 2 other children. He stated though he did not have much money. However, his family was stable, he stated he was happy with his wife and his children. He stated his focus was just his family.

Social

Clearance was already settled and was happy with his wife and his three children. He stated he did not move far from his family because they were a major support for him and his wife. He stated he had a lot of family and friend support. He stated he was employed full time and had a stable job. He stated although he was happy, he wanted more, he wanted to go to school but was not able to go. He stated he wanted to be an example for his children.

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Middle Adulthood

According to Clevence he did not experience any midlife crisis. He stated he is pleased with where he is now and what he had accomplished as far for his degree. He stated although he accomplished his goal very late, by going back to school and obtained his degree in theology. However, he stated he feels empty and lost currently. Clevence stated he migrated to America in his middle adulthood stage at the age of 41. He stated he has been employed with the same company since he came to America. He stated he is pleased to be married to his high school sweetheart and have 6 children together. He stated although he started having children at an early age in his life. But he was able to marry the same girl and he is pleased to see him and overcome life difficulties together and happy that they are still together today.

Biological:

According to Mr. Clevence has no major medical issue however, he is diagnosed with high blood pressure and takes his medication to control his blood pressure. overall, he stated he is well fit physically as he is not overweight for his age. Currently, he is approximately 5'11" in height and weight 180 Lbs.

Psychological:

Generativity versus stagnation is the seventh of eight stages of Erikson's theory. This stage takes place during middle adulthood between the ages of approximately 40 and 65. According to Erickson, Generativity refers to "making your mark" on the world by caring for others as well as creating and accomplishing things that make the world a better place.

Stagnation refers to the failure to find a way to contribute. These individuals may feel disconnected or uninvolved with their community and with society as a whole.

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According to Clevence, he is pleased with some accomplishment in life as he was able to go back to school and obtain a degree in Theology. However, he stated during his midlife, he had just relocated to a new country and a new culture. He stated though he has been living in America for 21 years, he feels lost as he finds himself trapped in two different cultures and still cannot adapt to the new culture and new environment. He stated the most difficult thing for him is raising his children in this culture as he is trying to balance both cultures. He stated he has two of his children that he doesn't speak to because his views are different. In speaking Clevence, he is currently in the stagnation stage at this time as he feels lost due to him trying to adapt to a new culture and having family issues. It is to believe that Clevence has not yet mastered this stage according to Erikson and will need to work on his problem before he can safely move to the stage in life.

Social:

Clevence enjoys going to work and church. He stated he likes to contribute to the church. However, he stated that he has no friend as his views are different from people that he was friends with or people he met. He stated he is still looking for friends at this stage in his life. Clevence stated that he does not have a good relationship with most of his children because of his views, he stated that he has two of his older sons who were not born here, and they stopped talking to him 3 years ago. He stated they do not talk, and he does not visit their house. He stated even on special holidays or birthdays, they don't speak to each other. He stated his wife has stopped the Christmas dinner tradition two years ago due to them not talking to each other because his sons were not visiting anymore.

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Spirituality plays an important role in Clevence life at this current stage. He stated he believes in God and enjoys going to church. He stated as long as he has God in his life, he can overcome life stresses. He stated he went to Theology school so he can understand God better.

Conclusion:

Clevence was able to master most of the eight stages of Erikson's theory from infancy to young adulthood. Although he had his first child at 18 years old. However, he ended up marrying the same woman who was her first love. He mastered most of Erikson's developmental stages because he had great family support such as his mother who loved him and cared for him from the time he was born until today. However, Clevence appears to have stuck on this current stage that he is on now which is Generativity versus stagnation.

In speaking to Clevence, it appears that he would like to regain his family back by talking to his two children he has stopped speaking to for the past two years. He would love to have back his family tradition by having everyone together for Christmas dinner and birthdays. Clevence stated although he is not talking to two of his children, he loved them dearly and wants to be a good grandpa to his grandchildren and he would love to be able to visit his grandchildren at times. In addition, Clevence believes that each time he makes friends, they quickly judge him because he likes to express his mind and is very honest with people. Clevence believes that his friends think that he is too judgmental. Currently, Clevence has no friends but just his wife. He only spends time with his wife. Nonetheless, what he mostly loves and wants is his family tradition back. According to Erickson developmental stages theory, Clevence is stuck in the stagnation stage which is the stated that he is on now.

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