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Horney's Essay Question #4

The origins of neurotic behavior in the early family experiences from Karen Horney's view, was that parents adopt society's values, thus making relationship with their children become unquestionably hypercompetitive, which creates the origin to neuroses. This attitude and behavior from the parents involves inconsistent behavior and no respect towards the child's needs, there's no affection, broken promises, not being able to socialize with other children. These actions from the parents bring into existence basic anxiety in children, which causes the children to feel helpless and alone in the world. A fear of their environment is developed in them, and they perceive these feelings as unfair with no leniency for them. The children also feel that they are not free, and that they will never find happiness from their parents or even from other adults. This negative emotion can cause damage to their self esteem and inhibit their self-reliance. Isolation and intimidation leads to fear, and from this, the result of their natural quest for joy is suppressed by a so-called love that consumes the children from early family negative experiences.