

Socialization Discussion

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How someone could so blatantly ignore a child was my immediate reaction when I heard about Danielle's story. Live their own lives, obviously ignoring the infant in the adjacent room. Danielle has lost out on so much growing up, and for that, I feel horrible. As Danielle has shown, a youngster can fall years behind if they don't have family support. Despite being raised by a caring family, Daniella still struggles with certain developmental delays and is not as mature as other children her age. For example, she has been said to still wreck a kitchen in search of food.

Danielle's upbringing caused her to lose out on several developmental phases in childhood, which made her socially behind because she was unable to interact with either adults or children. Anticipatory socialization was one of the social systems that she was not exposed to. In order to "prepare children for the important developmental changes they will experience," parents should "teach children what will be expected of them in the future" (Ritzer, 2021). Danielle never had a loving parent who could meet her fundamental requirements and support her development when she was a young child. Rather, she was always in fight or flight mode in her mind, ensuring that she never crossed the bounds that the neglectful parents had established.

Danielle's looking-glass self was created to reflect her surroundings because she was reared in such a toxic atmosphere. "The idea that as humans we develop a self-image that reflects how others see and respond to us—based on that, we develop some sort of self-feeling," according to Ritzer (2021), is known as the "looking glass self." Because she was abandoned in her filth, Danielle developed animalistic tendencies. She also didn't seem to learn how to interact with people because she was never talked to. A child's initial social interactions are with their parents, who also establish the standard for what is acceptable and inappropriate behavior in social situations. Since Danielle's original parents never showed her any affection, she was

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taught that people were just useful for sometimes carrying food and drink. Because no one offered Danielle the opportunity to socialize with others, she was never able to learn the value of it as a young child. She was able to adjust and develop after moving in with her new family, who helped her understand the value of social contact and right and wrong.

Daniella's biological parents did not provide her with any nurturing. She was never exposed to the experience of growing up in a loving home and experiencing it from an early age. Rather, her early years were spent in a filthy room with an undetermined quantity of food and diapers. The adults who "raised" her never showed concern for her needs as a child. "We are human because of the way we are...raised by other human beings who teach us what it is to be human," is the tenet of the nurture theory (Ritzer, 2021). Given her genetic makeup as a human, Danielle might subscribe to the nature theory, which holds that "we are born to be the kinds of human beings that we ultimately become" (Ritzer, 2021). No matter what conditions she faces, Danielle has everything it takes to become the perfect person. In Danielle's instance, the absence of false information prevailed, and she adjusted to her new surroundings. Danielle didn't receive the care a small child needed to develop; instead, she was left in her filth. She was also food aggressive, but her new, loving family made her realize that she didn't require food aggression. Danielle discovered that her upbringing was no longer the way she had to live in the supportive setting of her adopted family.

Peer Response 1

Hello Tanja

I also mentioned that I believed Danielle's life was more influenced by nurture. That phrase, "her childhood needs were never meant by those adults who 'raised' her," struck a chord with me, and I wholeheartedly concur. It's incredible how, given the right circumstances, a

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person will perform well nine times out of ten. However, if we replace that with a bad environment, they are more likely to adapt and make decisions that may not be in their best interests. They may not be aware of that, though, as such were accepted actions in the environments in which they were reared.

Peer Response 2

For your second response, continue engaging thoughtfully by adding new perspectives or examples to another peer's post, enhancing the ongoing discussion.

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