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Assignment #5

Part 1:

One meaningful experience I've decided to write about is the story of my father and how I believe his experience of being abandoned by his father as a teenager trickled down and influenced him to become the person that he is today. In assignment number 3 I brought elaborated on Family Issues. By breakdown was as follows: "Family Issues - abuse, abandonment, absent parents", however with class discussing we further elaborated the impact on children (my father and his siblings) and looked into the causes of why parents abandon their children or are viewed as "absent parents". To provide some background information, my father was born in the countryside in a small village in Haiti. His mother and father had 7 children, my father being the oldest and their family had very little money. My father has told me stories of how he went to school with holes in his shoes and could not afford books so he had to convince his classmates with books to stay after school and study as a group as a way to gain access to the textbook. My father always told me how he loved school and how he dreamt of becoming a doctor but due to life circumstances, he never received the opportunity to do so. My father's father abandoned his family to remarry another woman, leaving behind seven children with a mother who could not read or write. My father then had to drop out of school in order to get a job a support his mother and siblings as the oldest child. My father was forced to sacrifice his future and dream of becoming a doctor in order to survive, due to the actions of his (abusive) father. Reflecting on my father's parenting, he himself has had 6 children with 4 different mothers, abandoning 4 of his children in the sense that although he provided for us, he was still absent for a majority of our lives, excluding short periods where my sister and I would visit him. I believe being abandoned by his father made the act seem not a severe when my father repeated the act upon his own children. I also believe my father doesn't necessarily know how to be a "dad" as he has never truly lived with his children long enough to develop true relationships with them. A consequence of having to drop out of school, is how my father must now work 2 jobs and is gone for majority of the day spending even little time with the children that he lives with. Ultimately, I believe because my father was forced to become the dominant male figure of his household to his little brothers, he doesn't know how to behave like a father other than providing which in my opinion is all he knows how to do. Relating back to the influence on the child, I myself growing up with my mother and stepfather felt abandoned by my father, even though he would constantly call me and provide my mother with child support, I still felt as though I didn't know him and for many years I would cry wanting my family to get back together. Although I knew my father loved me, it still hurt me knowing he left and did not fight for my sister and I, so the feeling of abandonment to a degree was a large factor of my childhood and adolescence. In 2013, I moved

Consider starting here  
→ here  
→ find stats on reasons parents abandon their children

Show more of this time in his life - in context  
how so? ↓ he worked at a factory sewing clothes to this day he goes to his parents define in this context

Which one?  
Be specific + show so much as possible name describe go on (google)  
What are some other factors that contributed to this situation?  
Name + explore + discuss all related factors + context  
idea from dad  
evidence

Show + discuss further  
→ wanting to take on the leadership role as a father for his own family  
→ hated his father (didn't attend his funeral)

now want back and added what I never realized before...

to Massachusetts from Canada, to come live with my father. I was 16 years old at the time and wanted to experience living with my father and getting to know who he was as a person, spend quality time with him, and just talk to him about life. To my surprise, I realized my father was absent for majority of the time, and always at work, while he lived with 2 of his youngest children. Again, I was hurt and felt abandoned yet again by my father however, I understood that it was in the influence of his childhood and his experience of abandonment of his father that shaped him into the parent he is today. One of my father's younger brothers is exactly the same way, where he also has multiple kids and is absent in majority of their lives.

Another meaningful experience I believed shaped my father was his experience of being in prison for 5 years in his early twenties after "giving a coup to the Haitian government". From stories I have heard from my mother, the prison system is terrible in Haiti from overpopulation in the prisons. My father told me how he was involved in a group who disagreed with the actions of the Haitian government as it was extremely corrupted. (This relates to the topic of Policy/Political Issues along with - presidential campaign, people uniformed, power distribution, Communication Issues - violence, misunderstanding, lack of unity, and Economic Issues - minimum wage, unequal distribution of resources (wealth), the 1%. Although in assignment number 3 I had America in mind when I elaborated on topics I believe the same issues contributed to my father's experience) In prison he lived in terrible conditions and I believe that changed his values as a person today making him even more so detached than he could've possibly have been before hand. From studies done, it is known that being deprived of ones freedom for so long can have damaging effects on their emotional state as well as giving them a lot of time to reflect. I believe because my father was captive during the period that is supposed to be the best time of your life (early to mid twenties) had a major impact on him. While his siblings continued to live their lives and life went on, my father was trapped. I believe while he was in prison my father further realized the value of education and how education was the key to everything, a phrase I would later continue to hear from him during our phone calls as I grew older. While he was in prison, getting 2 hours of sleep before he and his multiple cell mates had to take turns sleeping on a bed, my father told me how he would read as much as he could and tried to instill in me the value of reading as well. My father never vocalizes his regret for his actions as a protester and I believe it is because the economic and political issues were very dear to him as they impacted himself and his family as the poorest of the poor. The emotion my father felt against the government from social inequality drove him and others to violence and as a result he lost 5 years of his life. My older sister and I often question what exactly my father experienced in prison that has influenced his personality and values to what they are to day. I can say my father is very cold, keeps neutral expression, and rarely ever talks to his children for more than 5 minutes, only saying hi if you catch him on his way to bed. My father remains silent in car rides but enjoys singing, fake laughing with other people, speaking in his native tongue and speaking in Spanish, which adds on to the communication aspect where I believe he lacks communication with his children since he does not speak as much english as we do.

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 Explain + discuss this context fully.  
 What kind of work does he do?  
 I am + discuss all factors + context that contributed to his work (type, hours, schedule, etc.)  
 How have his experiences living in poverty impacted his life?  
 Show us more of his actions during the protest. Provide that context

GO ON  
 = show + explain  
 What were the economic repercussions of not earning during these 5 years?  
 How is that related to his relationship with work now?

Say more about this. Explain + discuss.