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Overall reflection of Marriage and Family

In writing specific essays based on real life I have a better understanding of how a marriage works. Throughout the process of writing I have learned how family works and it gave me a more visual idea in my mind on how to handle my marriage/family life in the future. I have thought more deeply and more openly in writing for this class. These essays and assignments have made an impact on me in a couple of ways. One way I am now impacted to approach certain situations within my family in a different way. It made me understand how there are six types of marital power within a marriage: coercive, reward, expert, legitimate, referent, and informational. Marriage has its advantages and its disadvantages.

This writing process has made me rethink marriage and children. I use to be certain that my marriage would be so hard because of how my culture has made my generation think of marriage in a specific manner. Since I have read and wrote constant essay; I have come to a belief that marriage is what two people between one another compromise and make an equally balanced effort. My other belief that has now came to be is that communication is the key in any relationship or marriage. I was also challenged with the way my parents said marriage will be and with the way I have learned marriage will be like are two totally different beliefs.

The process in completing any essay/assignment is to first do the readings and then get creative. I would first read about what topic I will be writing about. Then I would describe my topic and then I would use examples from my book. After I have given my thoughts on a broad scale; I would then narrow it down by using examples from my life or my family’s thoughts on it. After all of that I would then come to my final conclusion on the topic and give my thoughts about a certain issue/topic.