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THEORY A EXERCISE - DUE: 9/12/06

See Case Study Example Below for This Exercise

INSTRUCTIONS: Download form from Blackboard and save on your own computer or memory stick. Tab between sections in the form to type in your answers; no hand-written forms accepted. Save completed form on your computer or memory stick and then upload the document to the Digital Dropbox on Blackboard.

THEORY 1	Strengths/Limitations	3 Applications (What you might do in this case if you used this theory?)
Conflict- How tensions among two or more groups are viewed	Strengths- focus on misuse of power to create inequalities Limitations- limited to macro level and is difficult to define and empirically test	The medical profession may have overlooked the cultural factor so a more intensive medical and psychological evaluation would need to be done to determine if Lisa is experiencing true schizophrenia or has a biological reason for her problems. Initiate contact with parents to determine level of support. Determine what part their culture plays in Lisa's problems. Remove child if it is deemed necessary to insure his/her safety and health.
THEORY 2	Strengths/Limitations	3 Applications (What you might do in this case if you used this theory?)
Feminism-an examination of various personal and societal issues that relate to inequality, oppression, and disenfranchisement	Strengths-focus on equality and the dominant structure that perpetuates client problems Limitations-focus mainly on women at expense of other minority groups	Using socialist feminism focus on the economic factors that may be depriving Lisa of the resources she needs. Using the liberal feminist viewpoint the focus would be on the medical profession and its influence on policy and services offered to the poor. From a radical feminism perspective, determine how the Asian culture which is male dominated, affects Lisa's reality.

CASE EXAMPLE FOR THEORY EXERCISE A

Lisa is a 26 yo Asian-American woman who recently gave birth to her first child one month ago. She was referred to the local mental health center by her OBGYN because she presented as withdrawn and stated she was hearing voices; the physician suspected either schizophrenia or postpartum depression. Lisa is a single mother who resides with her parents in public housing; she is unemployed and the father of the child is uninvolved. Schizophrenia is a remote dreamy state in which a mother's thoughts and feelings are muddled. She may believe that everything that happens around her, is in some special way connected with her. She may also hear voices talking to or about her and her baby, and believe that her baby is strange - a changeling, or the devil, or even a new Messiah. She may feel that she is under the influence of others who may wish her good or harm. This mixture of muddled thinking and strange ideas can make it difficult for other people to make sense of what she says. She may neglect her baby or do odd things with it or she may be fiercely protective, shielding it from people whom she thinks want to harm it. She has been married for 18 months, works as an adjunct English instructor at a local college; her husband is a high school Math teacher. Their immediate extended family lives about 1 hour driving time away.

Lisa has not followed up with the first check-up for her baby nor to sign up with WIC or the high-risk intervention program she was referred to upon discharge from the hospital after the baby's birth. **She has now come for the intake/assessment visit and has her baby with you; you have been assigned to complete the intake.**