

## Schrodt response

In my opinion it is common sense that with good communication, any relationship is going to be a strong relationship, or at least everyone will have a better understanding of each other. We know that close family members, especially parent, grandparents and siblings have the most influence on a child as he grows up. The way we talk, the our views on certain things even the way we hold ourselves physically, if a parents will teach you, and strictly enforce it, to sit up straight. But I think most importantly family teaches us to communicate. I strongly believe that if you have good communication with your family, your communication will always get better with time and help you in life with being more understanding and being able to express yourself in front of friends, employees, or even strangers. As Schrodt says “Families who shared a family communication schema were more likely to have children who reported desiring the same level of expressiveness, traditionalism, and conflict avoidance in their future.” (Fitzpatrick & Richie, 1994)”

I believe that Fitzpatrick and Richie’s idea of structural traditionalism from the Family Communication Environment Instrument (FCEI), an idea, which stated “parents exercise power to ensure overt conformity from their children” (1994) is something that some parents need to practice today as well. I’ve witness some situations were the child is so spoiled because the parents thought treating him like a “friend” was the right thing to do. However I believe that some authority is always needed when dealing with a child, teach them and show them to respect, and they will respect you back.

I always thought that the six qualities that distinguish strong families from those not as strong mentioned in this study, is something that every family should try and follow, or at least the major idea that these major qualities present which is mainly to be able to positively communicate your feelings and ideas with one another.

From the results of this study, it shows that I might be wrong regarding structural traditionalism. The results show that structural traditionalism, as well as conflict avoidance is inversely related to family strength. I can understand how conflict avoidance is contradicts the idea of open and positive conversations, and how not talking about an issue might jeopardize any relationship, how I disagree with the fact that structural traditionalism is not important in a strong family relationship. Everyone has their role in the family, and at a younger age a child should know the who has the authority, and as the child gets older he will learn, and get the respect he deserve,