Assignment 4: Relational Maintenance Within Families

Chapter 5 outlines a variety of ways that families maintain relationships. For this assignment, I would like for you to consider ways in which a polygamous approaches relational maintenance. Watch the full documentary titled, "Life in Bountiful." It is posted at:

 }http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/episodes/inside-polygamy-life-in-bountiful/

**After the first part ends, proceed to select the remaining parts of the film until you have watched it in its entirety. The documentary should last approximately 55 minutes.**

In a two page paper, reflect on the strategies and rituals that the family uses to maintain relationships. It will be important to draw upon key concepts and themes that are presented in chapter 5 in your analysis and review. In addition, what connections can you make to theory and or conceptual models that help explain family communication in this network? Which theory could be applied to help understand family dynamics among polygamous families? What are some challenges relative to family communication can you observe in this family that leads a polygamous lifestyle? What, if anything, surprised you about what how they family approaches communication? Name two strengths of polygamous families and two weaknesses, as portrayed in the film.

Ensure that you cite references to chapter material in your paper.

This assignment will be worth 10 points. Upload your paper through the link in Blackboard under the Course Assignments folder.

Reminders:

This assignment will be worth 10 points. The grading rubric is as follows:

4 points = evidence student watched the video episode (reflection on passages, material cited from video)

4 points = clear connections to key concepts and themes presented in chapter 5, applications to family theory and family communication concepts

2 points = paper is well-written (e.g, spell-checked, written in sentences, legible to the reader) and follows these guidelines:

Expected depth of discussion and length of paper: 2.0 pages (double-spaced)

* Type your name at the top of your paper.
* Use APA format if you cite a resource in your paper.
* Do not use contractions (e.g., y’all, don’t) in your writing.
* Attach your assignment in *Microsoft Word format* ONLY.
* Upload your assignment using the assignment link in Blackboard.
* After attaching your assignment, please ensure that you press the SUBMIT button one time in Blackboard.
* It is your responsibility to be sure you have attached the correct file. A file with other work or no work will not be accepted, and your assignment will be regarded as late. (See late policy in syllabus.)