

I would like to use your control framework to see which control profiles lead to the most compatible couples. This could be used for pre-wedding advisement and counseling. With reference to your book (chapter 13 I think), if the couple of the case study had had such counseling prior to marriage, perhaps they could have been spared some years of stress and unhappiness.

Do control profiles change after the couple become parents? If so, how?

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I am also interested in examining if there is a pattern in how specific types of family dysfunction lead to specific control profiles in the adult children from such families. Namely, are they all the same or are some, such as adult children of alcoholics significantly different. Some research I have seen from the University of Missouri says that there is no basic difference in type of familial dysfunction on adult personality outcome.

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I would also like to examine some specific control related elements which may determine the course of adult personality development in children; namely the age of the child at the onset of the familial dysfunction and again, the specific type of dysfunction. I believe that a critical element of control is predictability. As such, I believe dysfunctions which result in a less predictable home environment, and those that begin after the child reaches the age at which they believe they can and should have some control over their environment, will be more damaging psychologically to the child in the long run.