Analysis of a TV Character

For this assignment, you will want to familiarize yourself with the different personality theories discussed in the text. You will “play psychologist” and explain the behavior of your favorite (or most hated) television character using both trait theory and social cognitive theory.

Write a two-page paper on a TV character of your choice. First, identify the show, then explain the behavior of this character using trait theory and then explain the character’s behavior using social learning theory.

You may spend a maximum of two paragraphs describing the plot of a specific episode you have chosen. Next, create a psychological opinion in terms of a personality theory why the character behaved the way he or she did. All interpretations are to include a brief description of the character’s actions or words that exemplify a particular theoretical concept (i.e., locus of control, environmental influences, neuroticism, etc.). You should use examples to get your point across.

Your grade will depend on the quality of your analysis (using clear and specific examples of your theory) and your ability to present a well-organized and thorough essay.

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