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| **Grade** | **Criticisms of Bowlby’s Theory** |
| **E GRADE ANSWER** | **C GRADE ANSWER** | **A GRADE ANSWER** | **Must Know** | **Must Know** | **Could Know** |
| **Evidence against Monotrophy** | **Evidence Against Critical Period** | **Privation is Reversible** |
| P: One issue with Bowlby’s theory is that he believed in monotropy. | P: In addition, another limitation with his theory is that he believed in a critical period. | P: Furthermore, another issue is that Bowlby believed the effects of privation were irreversible. |
|  | E: For example, he argued that infants can only attach themselves to one primary caregiver – usually the mother. | E: For example, infants had to form an attachment within the first 3 years of life. | E: For example, Bowlby argued that if an infant didn’t have the opportunity to form an attachment they would then have poor motor skills/language skills and social skills that last into adulthood. |
| E: This is an issue because infants can form multiple attachments e.g. with fathers, grandparents, pets, blankets, friends etc | E: This is an issue because critics argue that healthy attachments can form after the first 3 years of life, for example, with an adoptive parent. | E: This is an issue because the Czech twins who suffered cruelty at an early age and were locked away in a cellar; gradually got over the abuse and neglect. They were adopted by 2 sisters, given strong, consistent care and eventually their motor/social and language skills became normal and above average. They went on to have successful marriages. |
|  | L: As a result, the explanatory power of his theory is questioned. | L: Deeming the theory weak because its explanatory power is cast into doubt. | L: Therefore, the credibility of Bowlby’s theory can be questioned. |
|  | The Rowe family met at Beckside Residential Home where great-great-grandfather Frederick Rowe, 99, lives. From left, Ken Fraser Rowe, Jason Lloyd, father to Bethany Lloyd (on knee), Frederick Rowe  and Tracy Richardson | http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSIoySNsVlUF2rZhisFAp5Ts4-oRVsYPyHPffOYzsrW9n1g_uaQYg3IOgXMEg:www.howkapow.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/1500x1500/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/t/e/telectric-clock-eggshell-blue-newgate.jpg | http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRH1lS0A8oCgQ5mzWGeFZQWMtbAmK9lBFdb5qa_L0e-YH5-2PAHQHJE6cM:www.thisfabtrek.com/journey/europe/austria/20110101-vienna/twins-winter-4.jpg |