

Review last class (lesson 3):

Introduction Social Psychology Chapter 18

In class experiment

Journal Entry #3 Social Conformity Solomon Asch's experiment on conformity

A Social Psychology Experiment: Group pressure and conformity (this is just the start of an experiment not a full experiment)

Today's Class: (Lesson 4)

Social Psychology – How we think about, influence, and relate to one another.

Journal Entry #4 Social Conflict

Take a few minutes and try to think of a situation where you have had a conflict with a friend or family member.

First: Describe the situation in a sentence or two.

Second: Determine if the conflict is best described as being caused by something within the other person (Ex. they lied to you because they're dishonest) or by something external to the person (Ex. they lied because they had to in order to avoid getting in trouble with the police).

Finish up social psychology group pressure and conformity experiments. 15 min.

Present experiment to class.

Class discussion about doing experiments?

Attribution Theory: People generally attribute other's behaviors as arising from two sources: either from an internal disposition, or as a result of external circumstances.

For example Sydney's boyfriend is rude to her (he is angry and speaks in a gruff/mean tone of voice to her) just because she was late for picking him up to give him a ride to his basketball game. She may be angry with his behavior if she believes her boyfriend's behaviour is due to internal causes – perhaps he just does not really care how she feels.

Alternatively she may attribute the cause of his angry tone of voice to external causes - perhaps he just had a fight with his dad or is just having a bad day.

Behaviour that is thought to result from a person's internal disposition (personality) is an example of: Dispositional Attribution

Behaviour that is thought to result from an outside event or circumstance is an example of: Situational Attribution

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJgTSgleIb8>

Show first minute only

Class Discussion: If you see a man on the street with a sign asking for money for food, should you give him money? Why would you? Why would you not?

Watch the 2nd half of the above video.

Discuss the Fundamental Attribution Error and how it may influence your relationships with others.

Complete first half of handout "18:1 Social Thinking" as a class.

Write out the definition of the Fundamental Attribution Error and in a paragraph explain the details of a situation in which you or someone you know made the Fundamental Attribution Error.

Read pages 726-730 in the text and complete the second half of the 18:1 Social Thinking handout.