Announcements

- Chapter 11 Aplia due tonight!
- Exam #4 is Wednesday (really)
- Review session today at 5:30, room 306 Psychology

Social Psychology

Roadmap

- Social Influence
  - Bystander Intervention
  - Obedience & Roles
  - Conformity and Groupthink
- Social Cognition / Social Information Processing
  - Self confirmatory hypothesis testing
  - Self Fulfilling Prophecy and Stereotypes
- Social Inference
- Social Relations
  - Stereotypes
  - Prejudice
  - Discrimination

Power of Roles: Us Vs. Them

Role Playing Affects Attitudes

Zimbardo (1972) assigned the roles of guards and prisoners to random students and found that guards and prisoners developed role-appropriate attitudes.

Deindividuation

- Zimbardo’s Stanford Prison study
- Abu-Ghraib Iraqi prison
- Crowds (e.g., games, concerts)
I. Social Influence

C. Baron’s (1996) study –
   A. Eyewitness identification
   B. Watch, then choose from the lineup

Which Guy?

1 2 3 4

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A. Data Collection

1. Bias toward vivid
   - Gerber's TV people (8+ hours TV daily) (overestimate dangerousness and violence)
   - Plane crashes
   - Media in political advertising; style over substance
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A. Data Collection
2. Perception guided by schemata
   a. CONCEPT influences the PERCEPT
   b. Example: Motorcycling and the border crossing
   c. First Impressions
   d. Schemata are basis for stereotypes (e.g. vivid news images of Muslims can lead to unfavorable stereotypes)

From the Anonymous Feedback Tool:
A Stereotype?

Dude, are you a hippie? You seem like a hippie.

Stereotypes

- Social Cognition – we take shortcuts
- Based on a schema
- We may have tendency to
  - See evidence consistent with the schema
  - Overlook or discount evidence inconsistent with the schema
- Are a key component that leads to prejudice
- Prejudice = an evaluation (usually negative) towards another person based solely on superficial features or group membership

Stereotype Impacts

- Can lead to discrimination towards others
  Our stereotype causes us to treat out-group members differently

Zimmerman: “We’ve had some break-ins in my neighborhood, and there’s a real suspicious guy … just walking around looking about … This guy looks like he is up to no good or he is on drugs or something. … these assholes, they always get away.”

Stereotype Impacts

- Can also lead to changes in those who are stereotyped (Stereotype Threat)
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A. Data Collection

3. Schemata for social interaction: scripts
   a. Basic purpose: greeting and relatively meaningless social exchange
      1. Scripts are somewhat arbitrary but should be followed within a social context: Demo
      2. Scripts may be context specific
   b. Xerox machine study -- mindlessness.
      Three requests:
      1. Request only
      2. Request plus genuine reason
      3. Request plus nonreason
      4. Results:
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B. Self-confirmatory hypothesis testers; e.g., Illusory Correlation (Chapman & Chapman):
1. Projective tests -- Clinical psychologists routinely report associations between patient's responses and their personality
2. Chapman Study:
   a. Subjects given Rorschach cards & DAP drawings
   b. Cards were randomly assigned personality descriptors
   c. Subjects made the same erroneous predictions as clinicians.
      Finding held despite:
      1. monetary incentive
      2. pencil & paper for tallying
      3. valid indicators
   d. Conclude: We see what we believe, not believe what we see!

C. Self-fulfilling prophecy & stereotypes
1. Our reactions to others may shape their behavior and attitudes towards self
2. Example: good-looking lawyers

D. Inferring Causality -- Attribution
1. Distinctiveness -- if different, it may be responsible
2. Consistency
3. Consensus
4. Example

E. Fundamental Attribution Error:
1. we see other's behavior due to enduring dispositions
2. we see our own as guided much more by situations
   1) His behavior provoked me (situational)
   2) I’m such a jerk (Dispositional)
3. book calls this Correspondence Bias: behavior of others corresponds to their dispositions
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E. Fundamental Attribution Error: Possible example, here in class?

Professor always sees students in this class context
Students always see professor in this context

F. Self-perception

1. Cognitive dissonance (Festinger)
   a. Definition:
      ✓ when adequate environmental attribution not available,
      ✓ we make a dispositional attribution about our own behavior
   b. Experiment

Cognitive dissonance helps explain why hazing, or requiring an unpleasant initiation in order to become a member of a group, increases the value of the group (Aronson & Mills, 1959). If you choose to endure so much to join, the group must be something very special. Cacioppo & Freberg
One more example:
Dissonance and the Terrible Two’s

Exam 4

50 Multiple Choice Questions
75 Minutes beginning at 4:00
Half from Book
Half from Lecture
Bring your clicker. You will click at start, and click at end.