Psychology & Life

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General Psychology (1)

Stereotypical Psychology
What is Psychology?

**What is the mind’s domain?**

*Human Soul => Human Behavior?*

**The scientific study of the mind.**

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**X**

Religion → Philosophy → **Mind** Science

**What is the mind’s domain?**

**Behavior!**
Who Cares?
A general approach.
- What’s the topic?
- Is the topic important?
  - If not: DON’T WASTE YOUR TIME!
- How could the topic be studied?
- How has the topic been studied?
- What have these studies told us?
- Is there anything else to learn?
  - Probably!

Why should anyone really care about psychology?
- Is psychology important?

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Modern Psychology

Marketing


Video Games

Video Game Design

Video Game Effects
Bushman, B.J., & Gibson, B. (2011). Violent video games cause an increase in aggression long after the game has been turned off. Social Psychology and Personality Science, 2, 29-32.

Sports

Music
Psychology, Academia, and Life

- History
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Case_study
- Communications
- Literature
- Sociology
- Political Science
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_psychology
- Industrial Engineering
- Computer Science
- Law
  - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legal_psychology
- Management

Take Home Points

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind.

We'll talk more about what science is later.

The mind/brain plays a role in almost all human behavior.

(even how genes are expressed).

Psychologists are interested in ANYTHING humans can do (i.e. behavior) and some things they can't.

Perception, Motivation, Sex, Reasoning, Breathing, Language, Pooping, Art...

We’ll talk about a small fraction of the things we can do.
Topics For Next Class

• What is memory?
• How does information get into memory?
• Are there different types of memory?
• Why do we forget?

• Make sure you download the study guide and complete it **BEFORE** next class.