

Writing Assignment #2

Your Psychological Philosophy

Due on CANVAS Dec. 12th, by 11:59pm

Purpose: This assignment is meant to help you form your personal philosophy about behavior and psychology.

Background: Throughout the semester, we have talked about many different theories that describe and explain the same psychological phenomena. One recurring theme is that there are no black and white answers, and that there are always pros and cons to each theory. However, different schools of psychology (for example, behaviorism, cognitivism, social psychology, etc.) tend to be organized according to similar viewpoints and approaches to these debates. In this assignment, you will need to think about what school you tend to agree with the most and where you stand on each of these debates.

Directions for this assignment: Answer each of the following questions. Each answer should be one paragraph. When you explain your reasoning, you should draw from what you've learned in class and the textbook.

1. Which school of psychology do you tend to agree with the most? Explain your reasoning.
2. Do you think that behavior is influenced more by nature or nurture? Explain your reasoning. We have emphasized in this class that the answer is usually "both," but for this assignment it is okay to take one side.
3. Do you think that humans have free will, or is our behavior determined? Explain your reasoning.
4. How do you think children develop language? Explain your reasoning.
5. Do you think that humans are inherently good or inherently bad? Explain your reasoning.

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Rubric (25 points possible)

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