Interesting Studies in Psychology

- Handout on my website with all of these.
- The Definition of Psychology
- What is difficult to study scientifically, and why?
 - Psychology's questionable reputation as a science
- Empiricism
- How do the Behaviorists define Psychology?

The Philosophy of Behaviorism

- 3 key Ideas
- The Yanomamo why did we learn about them?
- Watson's Quote and how it reflects the ideas of Behaviorism
 - Know specifically Watson's goal to create a PHOBIA (people thought phobias were inborn)
- Skinner's Beyond Freedom and Dignity
 - What does he mean by "Beyond Freedom?"
 - What does he mean by "Beyond Dignity?"
 - What was Skinner's solution to all of the world's problems?
- Skinner's Walden II
 - What was this about?

Operant Conditioning

- Skinner boxes
- Thorndike Law of Effect experiment with cat
- Shaping (remember, how do you get me to teach on one side of the room?)
- extinction

- Types of Operant Conditioning

- positive reinforcement
- negative reinforcement
- positive punishment
- o negative punishment
- I give you as specific example, you tell me what type of operant conditioning
- Punishment
 - o B.F. Skinner's views on punishment versus positive reinforcement
 - Side effects of punishment
 - How to move to a world based on positive reinforcement
 - Guidelines for effective use of punishment

- Schedules of Reinforcement

- fixed ratio
- variable ratio
- o fixed interval
- variable interval
- What is more effective, partial or continuous reinforcement? Why?
- Which schedule out of the 4 schedules is most effective in getting lots of responses and fast responding?
- Know the response patterns of each schedule
- Know some of the examples of schedules we talked about in class and which schedule they demonstrate for example, slot machines / gambling uses variable ratio.

Game Layer

- Know the 4 game dynamics
 - Appointment Dynamic
 - Influence and Status
 - Progression
 - Communal Discovery
- Be able to connect the first 3 dynamics to ratio or interval schedules.
- Know examples of each dynamic.
- Revisit the TED talk at: <u>https://search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?p=ted+talk+game+layer&ei=UTF-</u> &&hspart=mozilla&hsimp=yhs-001

Or, just type in "ted talk game layer" in search engine.

Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic Motivation

- Know Kohn's arguments against rewards.
 - Revisit video with Kohn on Oprah: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_6wwReKUYmw</u> Or just type in "Alfie Kohn Oprah" into search engine.
- Know the 2 teachers' arguments in favor of rewards.
- Know definition of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.
- Know the 4 studies supporting the idea that intrinsic motivation is better than extrinsic motivation.

• See handout on my webpage – Intrinsic Extrinsic Handout 2016

Classical Conditioning

- Classical Conditioning: What is it?
- What types of responses that are controlled by Classical Conditioning? How does this differ from Operant Conditioning?
- Unconditioned Stimulus, Unconditioned Response, Conditioned Stimulus, Conditioned Response
 - Be able to identify US, UR, CS, and CR in real life examples
- Processes of classical conditioning
 - Acquisition
 - Extinction
 - spontaneous recovery
 - generalization
 - discrimination
 - What is more powerful, acquisition or extinction, and why?
 - Phobias and how to treat them
 - Little Albert
 - Exposure therapy extinction trials
- How do advertisements and commercials use classical conditioning as a method of persuasion?
 - What would the US, UR, CS, and CR be in an advertisement? What would these be in the Corona Ads we watched? The Coors Light Ads we watched?
- How does the IAT work?
- What percentage of the U.S. population shows a preference for European Americans? What percentage of the African American population shows a preference for European Americans?
- Media Images of African-Americans.
- Statistics on how African-Americans are depicted on the news
- Understand the connection between unconscious prejudice and classical conditioning. For instance, in the African-American male criminal caricature, what is the US, UR, CS, and CR?
- Know studies showing that IAT scores predict judgments and behavior
- Clark Doll Test
- General ideas about improving people's IAT scores
- Study by Dasgupta and Greenwald positive vs. negative images of European and African Americans

Addiction

- Siegal Study on Drug Overdose
 - How was it set up and what were the results?
 - Where is a drug overdose most likely to occur for humans, according to this study?
 - Connect to Compensatory Response
- What is the disease model?
 - The Neuroadaptive Model
 - What are neurotransmitters?
 - Serotonin
 - Norepinephrine
 - Dopamine
 - Endogenous opioids (endorphins)
 - Cannabinoids
 - Know the links between these neurotransmitters and specific drugs
 - The Severing of the "Stop-Go" Connection
 - Connection to relevant parts of the brain Frontal Cortex and Limbic System.
 - Story of Phineas Gage how like a drug addict?
- Know statistics and results of studies from Addiction Worksheet know which ones support the disease model and which do not.
- What is Alexander's Model?
 - What is his opinion about the studies done with rats? How does this lead him to creating Rat Park?
 - Two Rat Park studies how was each one set up and how did each turn out?

The Brain

- The Neuroscientific Perspective
- Know the 3 major systems of the brain and their general function, and the important parts within each system.
 - o Brainstem
 - Medulla
 - Pons
 - Reticular Formation
 - Cerebellum
 - o Limbic System
 - Thalamus
 - Amygdala
 - Hippocampus
 - Hypothalamus
 - Cerebral Cortex
 - Visual Cortex
 - Auditory Cortex
 - Somatosensory Corte
 - Motor Cortex
 - Association Areas
 - Language Areas
 - Broca's Area
 - Wernicke's Area
- Split Brain
 - Corpus Callosum
 - Right Hemisphere functions
 - In charge of which side of the body? Takes in info from which side?
 - Left Hemisphere functions
 - In charge of which side of the body? Takes in info from which side?

- Understand the idea that the brain determines our reality
 - o Phantom Limb
 - o Synesthesia
- Neuroplasticity
- Know the cases from the brain activity sheet we worked on in class and how each case connects to specific parts of the brain.

Note: For all studies, make sure you know exactly how it was set up and exactly what the results were. KNOW THE PERCENTAGES!!

Diffusion of Responsibility

- Details of Genovese murder
- Darley and Latane seizure study

Social imitation

- The Asch Experiment
 - Informational Conformity
 - Normative Conformity
- Darley and Latane smoke study
 - The Werther Effect

The Beaman Study

Bandura's Bobo Doll Experiment

- Observational Learning / Modeling (also social imitation)

<u>Prison Reform</u> – In the article <u>Punishment Fails</u>. <u>Rehabilitation Works</u>, what changes does Gilligan propose for what prisons are like and how they operate? And what arguments does he make to support these changes?

- Make sure that you can connect this to the Bobo Doll Experiment
- Halden Prison
- Obedience to Authority

- The Milgram Experiment

Self-Fulfilling Prophecy

- Understand the self-fulfilling prophecy cycle
- Rosenthal and Jacobson Study
- Steele and Aronson Study stereotypes and intelligence

Brown Eyes Blue Eyes Study

- Know all details on how the study was set up and what happened...
- Connect to self-fulfilling prophecy

Stanford Prison Experiment

- Know all details on how the study was set up and what happened...
- Connect to self-fulfilling prophecy, obedience to authority, how to establish oneself as an authority figure, and diffusion of responsibility.

Cognitive Dissonance

- Basics of the following stories:
 - Marion Keech and the Sananda Cult
 - Audrey Santo
- Situations in which we are most likely to hold onto a belief that has been disproven.
 - Hazing study
 - \$1 vs. \$20 lie study
 - How American Soldiers were turned to Communism
- The weird and irrational ways that we resolve Cognitive Dissonance
 - Connect these to the Sananda Cult and Audrey Santo

Lifton's Theory of Thought Reform

- Know each of the 8 methods of Thought Reform – I may give examples, for instance, from Peoples Temple, and you tell me what method...

Memory

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Information Processing Model

- Capacity and duration of sensory, short term, and long term memory
- Sperling Study Sensory Memory

Reconstructive Memory

- Schemas
 - \circ Office schema study
 - Crime scene story I read to you in class how schemas?
 - Post-Event Information
 - \circ Stop Yield sign study
 - Car crash study
 - Military interrogation study
- Magnani's paintings of Pontito compared with photographs
- Stephen Wiltshire's drawings of NY City
- Bunny effect
- Lost in the Mall set-up and results
- Steve Titus, George Franklin, Paul Ingram cases
- Repression
- Van Der Kolk's theory of repression
- Neisser Study Challenger explosion memory

Conversion Disorder

Elaborative Rehearsal vs. Maintenance Rehearsal

Declarative vs. Procedural Memory

- And parts of brain responsible hippocampus vs. cerebellum and basal ganglia
- Context Dependent Memory
 - Schab Study

Ebbinghaus Curve

- Bahrick Study
- Proactive and retroactive Interference
 - Jenkins and Dallenbach study
- Spacing Effect
- Implicit Memory
- Examples and Studies from handout

Anterograde Amnesia