General Psychology
Chapter 18: Social Psychology

Definition of Social Psychology
I. Attributions
   1. Attributions
      a. Types
         1. Dispositional
         2. Situational
      b. Errors
         1. The Fundamental Attribution Error
         2. The Self-Serving Bias
II. Attitudes & Actions
    1. Attitudes
    2. Actions affect our attitudes
       a. Role playing affects attitudes
          1. E.g., Zimbardo’s prison study (1972)
       b. Why our actions affect our attitudes
          1. Cognitive Dissonance
          2. Festinger’s study
III. Obedience
    1. Obedience
       a. Milgrim’s Shock Study (Yale)
       b. Factors related to obedience:
IV. Aggression
   A. The Psychology of aggression
      1. Research from Science Daily
      2. Do video games teach or release violence?
      4. Aversive events- frustration, pain, insults, foul odors, hot temperatures, cigarette smoke
      5. Learning to express & inhibit- reinforced or punished or observe
      6. Sexual aggression & the media- correlation between watching sexually violent films & acceptance of violence against women
         1. Provide sexual scripts
   B. The Biology of aggression
      a. Genetic influences
      b. Neural influences- brain areas
      c. Biochemical influences
V. Altruism- (prosocial behavior)
   1. Kitty Genovese (1964)
      a. Bystander effect
      b. May be due to Diffusion of responsibility