

# THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE GROUP-SOCIAL COGNITIVE THEORY

## Socialization

The process of becoming a member of a social group is called socialization.

### Primary Socialization

→ initial stage where the social norms are passed between group members.

→ determines what a child learns in early stages.



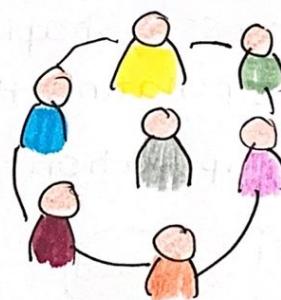
### Secondary Socialization

→ includes elements such as the larger society, community, extended family, media



### Group Socialization

→ form of secondary socialization where it is an individual's peer group.



## censorship

→ gatekeeper theory → Kurt Lewin

→ governments attempt to manage/manipulate cultural norms by controlling the information being passed through the media.



## Social cognitive theory

→ developed by Albert Bandura

→ learning → direct or indirect

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## Social learning theory

↳ classical and operant conditioning to describe how social learning occurs.

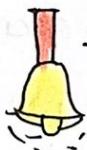
### classical conditioning

→ an unconditioned stimulus is paired with a neutral stimulus.

→ over time, neutral stimulus becomes conditioned stimulus which brings about the conditioned response.



-unconditioned stimulus



- neutral stimulus



-conditioned response

### operant conditioning

→ process of shaping an organism's behaviour by manipulating the consequences.

→ manipulation - reinforcement or punishment



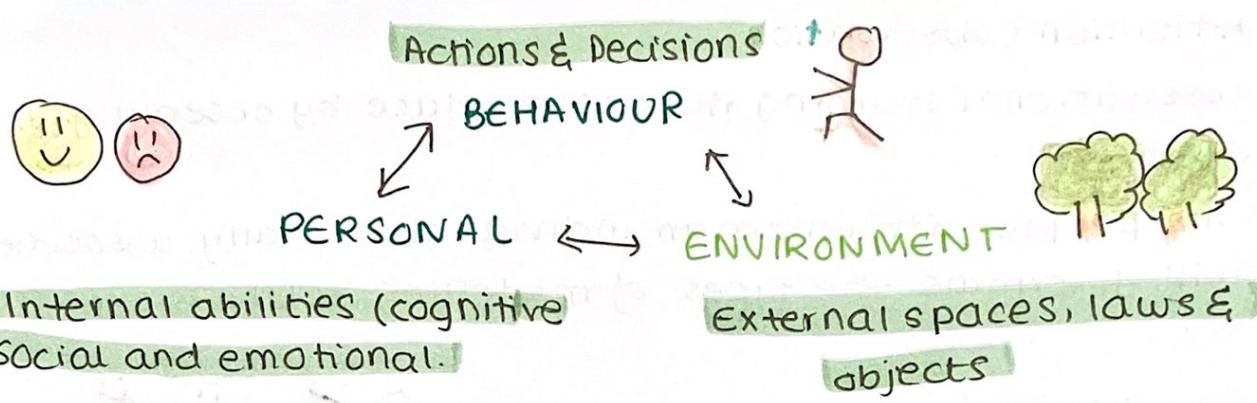
## Behaviourist approach

↳ emphasis on observable behaviour

↳ assumes that most behaviour is learned from the environment.

## Reciprocal Determinism (Triadic reciprocal determinism)

↳ model of mutual influence of 3 sets of factors - personal, behavioural and environmental.



### Behaviourist model

Stimulus → Black box  
in the environment can't be studied → Response  
Behaviour

### cognitive model

Input → Mediational process - mental processes → Output Behaviour  
in the environment

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agentic approach to studying learning

- have control over behaviour
- be able to visualise future behaviours
- regulate behaviour
- reflect on capabilities and goals

Bandura broke down the social cognitive theory in 4 components - attention, retention, reproduction and motivation.

ATTENTION

RETENTION

REPRODUCTION

YOU CAN DO THIS!

MOTIVATION

## motivation

↳ has a lot to do with reinforcement.

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through reward & punishment.

If people perform an action - get a reward - motivated to repeat the same action. (and vice versa)

- Perry, Perry and Ramussen (1986) - support for Bandura's theory.