

Nature Nurture Dichotomy



- Understand the nature vs. nurture dichotomy and some problems with it.

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The tendency to think about the biology of behaviour in terms of dichotomies is illustrated by one kind of question that people commonly ask: Is it inherited or is it learned? (genes vs. environment; nature vs. nurture)

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Nurture

North American
Behaviourists

Nature

European
Ethologists

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Music is made through an interactive process between player and instrument. How much of the music was made by the musician and how much by the instrument?

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