

IHS – L20 Introduction to Psychology

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Lecture Schedules

Date	Lectures	Topics Covered
1st and 5th April	L1-L2	Introduction to Psychology
8 th and 18 th April	L3 –L4	Cognitive Perspective
19 th April	L5	Social Perspective
22 nd April	L6	Social Perspective and My research

End Semester Exam

Overview

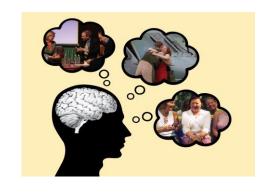




What and Why of Psychology (roots of psychology, goals and levels of analysis, great debates, and how learning Psychology may impact our lives)



Individual Perspectives
(Cognitive, Neuroscience, and
Evolutionary perspectives in
understanding individual
behavior)



Social and Cultural Perspectives (What and how of social perspectives and will learn the power of situation than individual)

What is Psychology?

Scientific study of Mind, Brain and Behaviour



ternal & Abstract



What enable us to think, feel, perceive, and act., include



Internal External

Internal & Physiological



conscious and unconscious processes and activities

Observable & Measurable

Directly Observable Measurable

External & Physiological

A lump of soft tissues called neuron, Carries only 2% of the body weight, 3 pounds approx., 25% of body's oxygen, 70% of glucose, Never rest, its metabolic rate in both day and night is more or less the same



Observable & Measurable



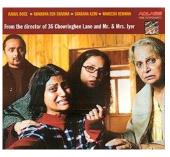
Scientific study

Action (movements or activities), mannerism

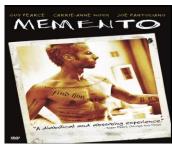
What does Psychology mean to Me?

Psychology - Disordered mind and behaviour (examples)









SCHIZOPHRENIA

LOSS OF MEMORY

DYLEXIA







PERSONALITY DISORDER



DEPRESSION



CATATONIA



Psychology - Ordered mind &behaviour (examples)

Delusion (abnormalities of thought, a fixed belief), **Illusion** (false perception of real external stimulus), **Hallucination** (sensory experience occurs in absence of external stimuli, resembling a veridical perception) and **Reality** (What's that?)

Attention, Perception, perception of time, Memory

Intellectual capability than intellectual disabilities

Emotion regulation versus dysregulation

Social interaction ability versus problems with social skills

Motivation and concept of self

Language and communication

Learning

- What are the bases of Psychology?
- How does the mind usually allow us to function effectively in the world?
- Why does the mind occasionally function so ineffectively in the world?

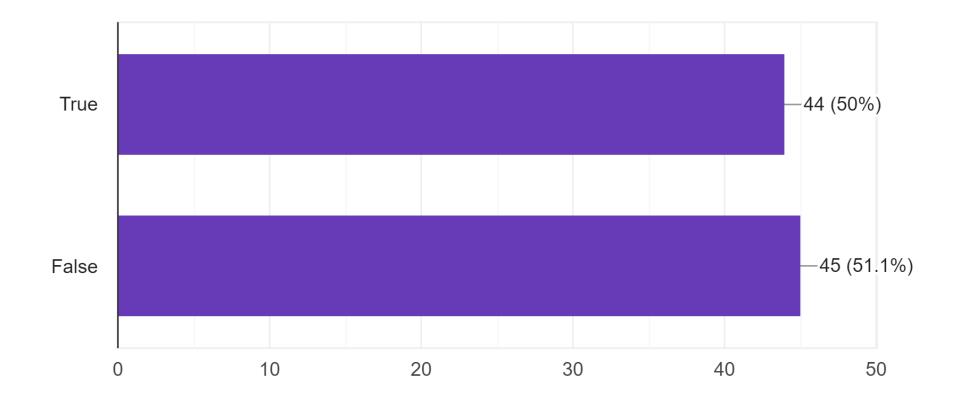
WHY DO WE THINK THE WAY WE THINK? WHAT MOTIVATE US TO THINK?

Awareness – Activity

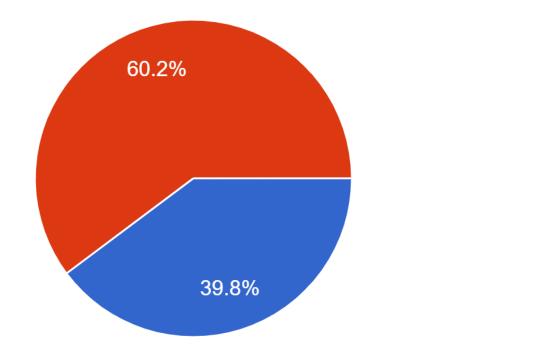


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Most people use only about 10 percent of their brain capacity.

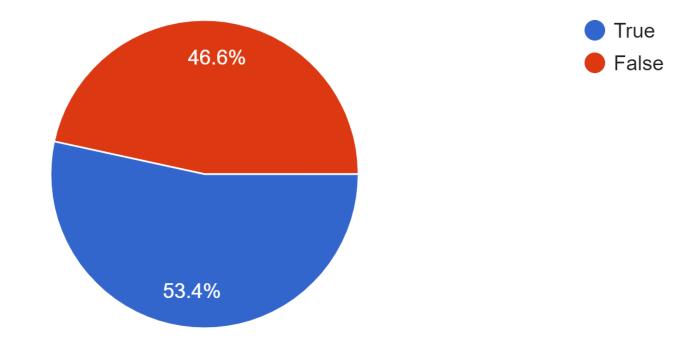


Newborn babies are virtually blind and deaf.

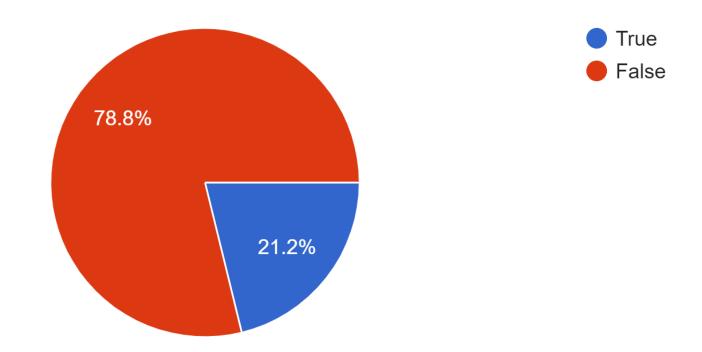




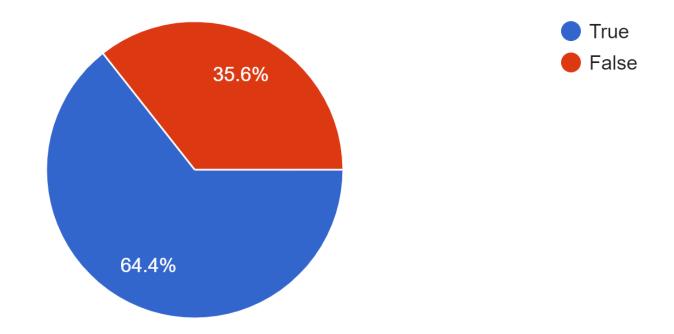
Hypnosis enhances the accuracy of our memories.



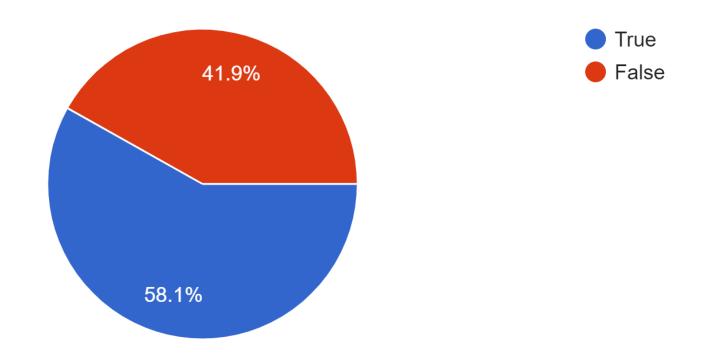
All people with dyslexia see words backward (tac instead of cat).
85 responses



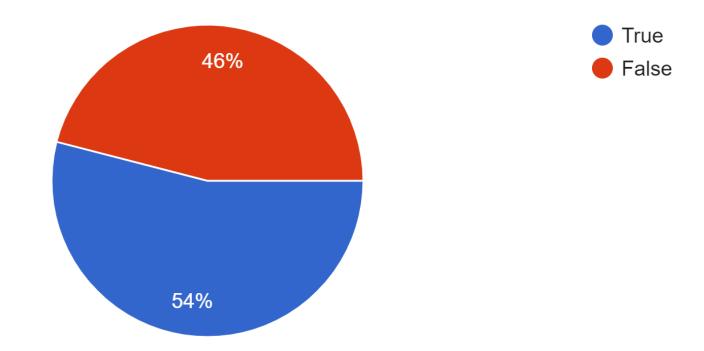
In general, it's better to express anger than to hold it in.
87 responses



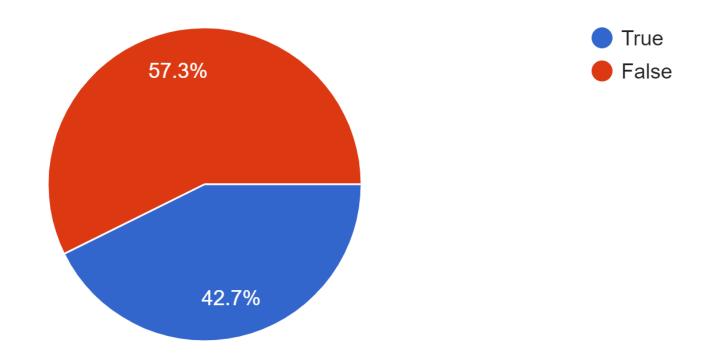
The lie-detector (polygraph) test is 90-95 % accurate at detecting falsehoods. 86 responses



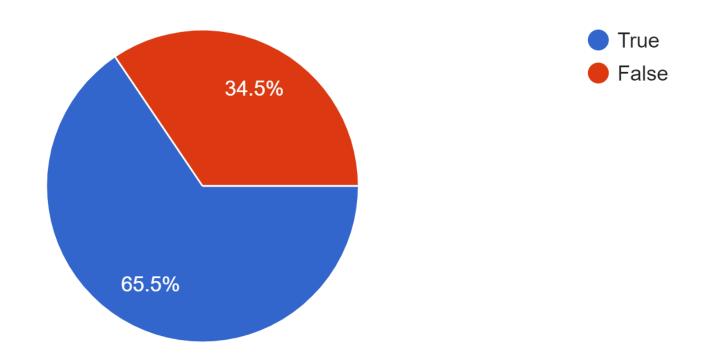
People tend to be romantically attracted to individuals who are opposite to them in personality and attitudes.



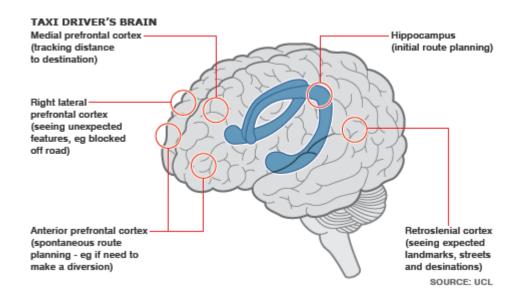
People with Schizophrenia have more than one personality.
82 responses



There is a safety in numbers. People are highly likely to offer help to a victim when other people are present.



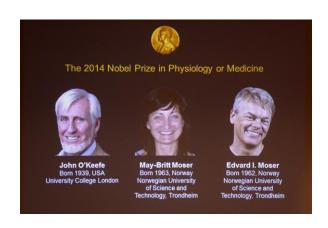
What are the bases of Psychology? - electrical and chemical



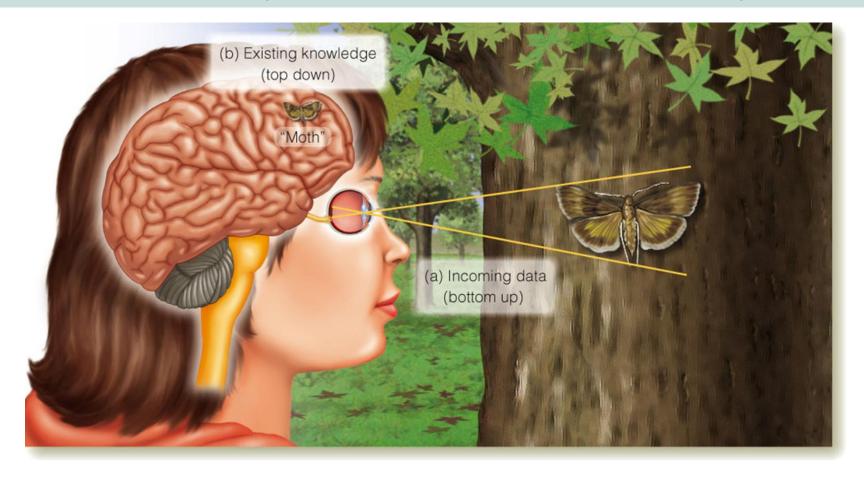
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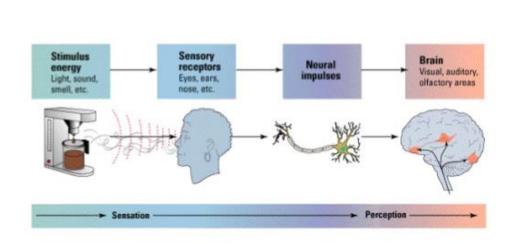
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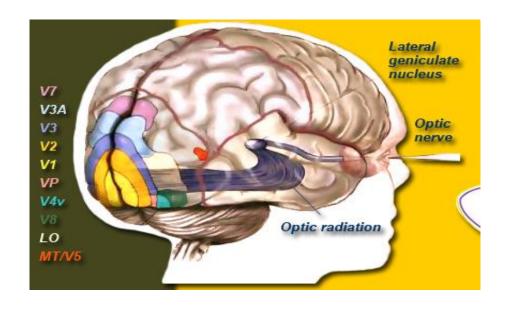


Think- how do we do a simple task like detection, identification, or recognition, which we never paid attention to or felt like we are performing these tasks. Left: single modality but yet complex processing (below example) and interplay between the knowledge (top-down) and stimulus features evaluation (bottom-up), Right: multimodal integration – of visual, sound, and smell to interpret and decide that coffee is being made.

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Sensation-to-Perception Process





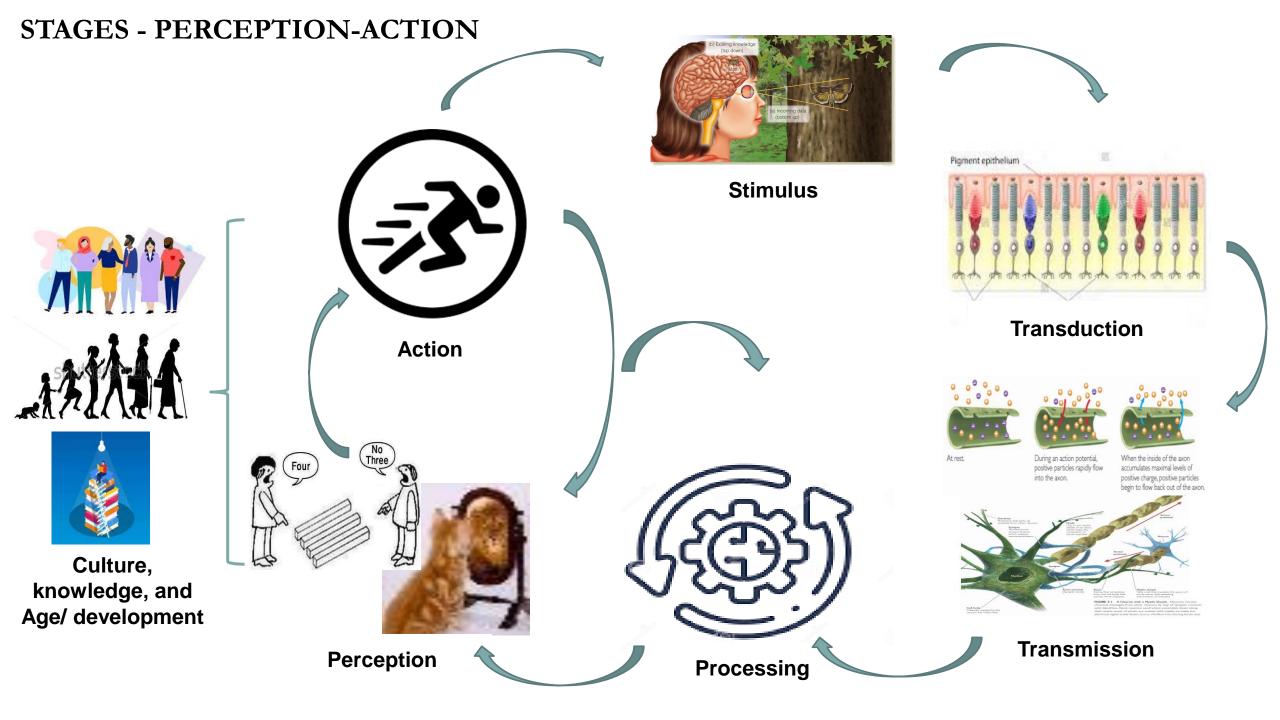
From retina to occipital lobe, and within occipital lobe – the different brain regions, e.g. V1 –catalogue and helps in sorting, V2- helps transmitting to corresponding areas and give feedback to V1, V4 –color, V5 motion detection, etc. These are still individual traits of the objects, but not the whole object. So, we should be asking this question that how do we come to make an object in an integrated manner as we do? Or identify an object as a object in whole?

We will be discussing a part of this in perception class.

How this Happens?

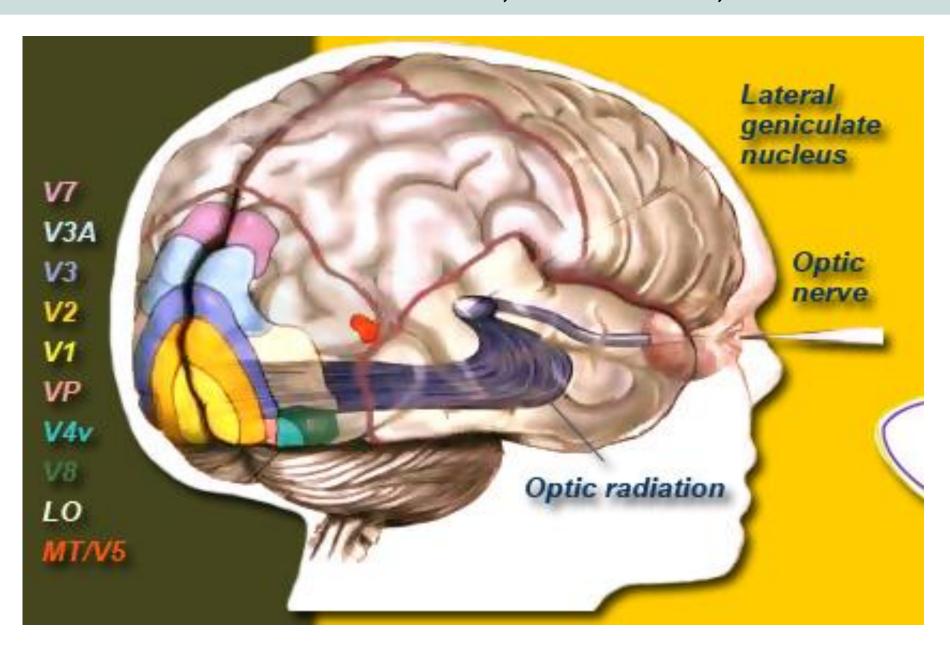
STAGES OF PERCEPTION-ACTION





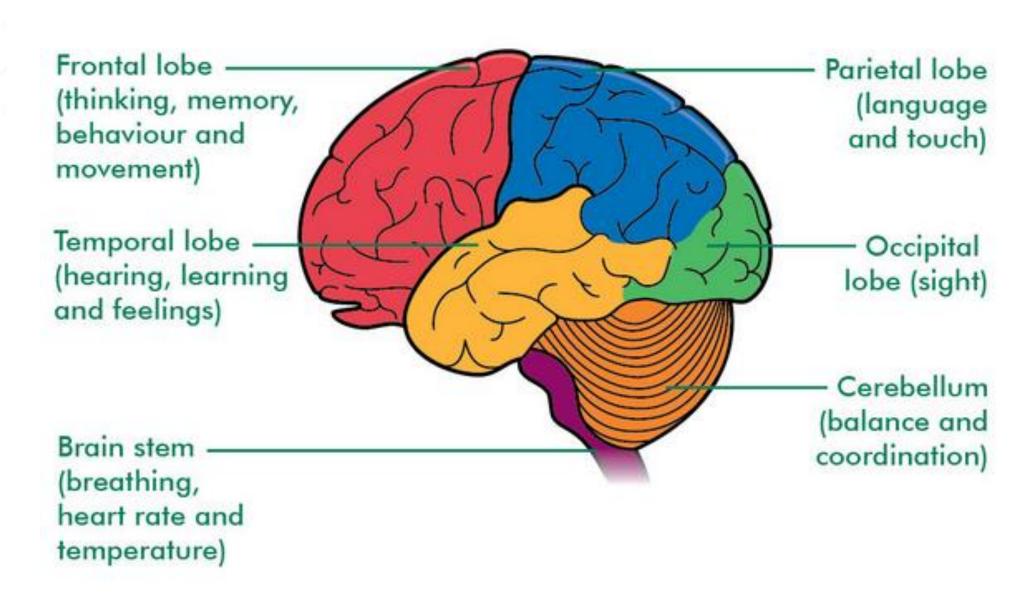
PROCESSIGN - HOW DO WE DO A SIMPLE DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION, & RECOGNITION TASK?





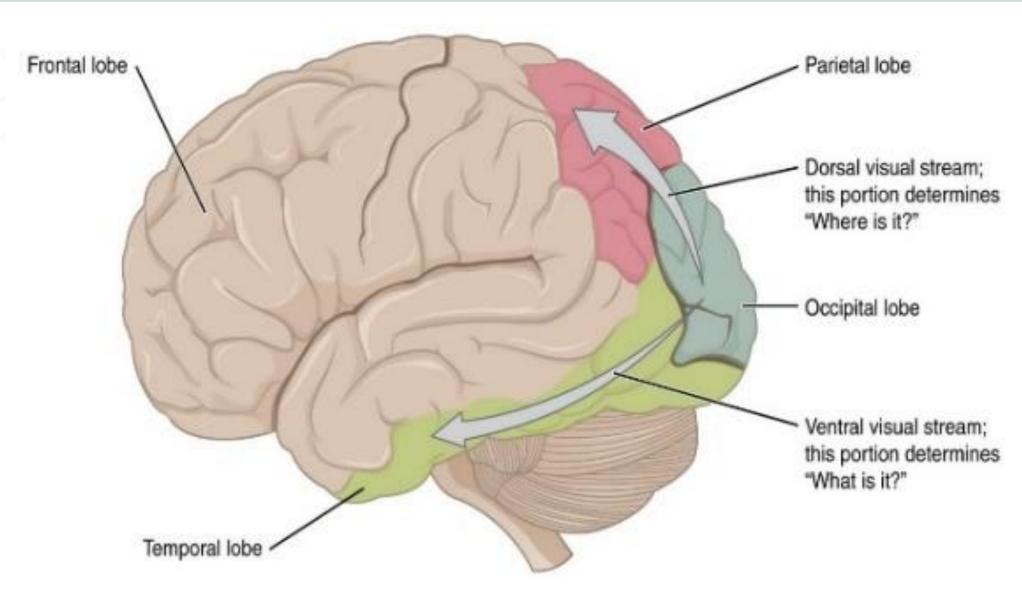
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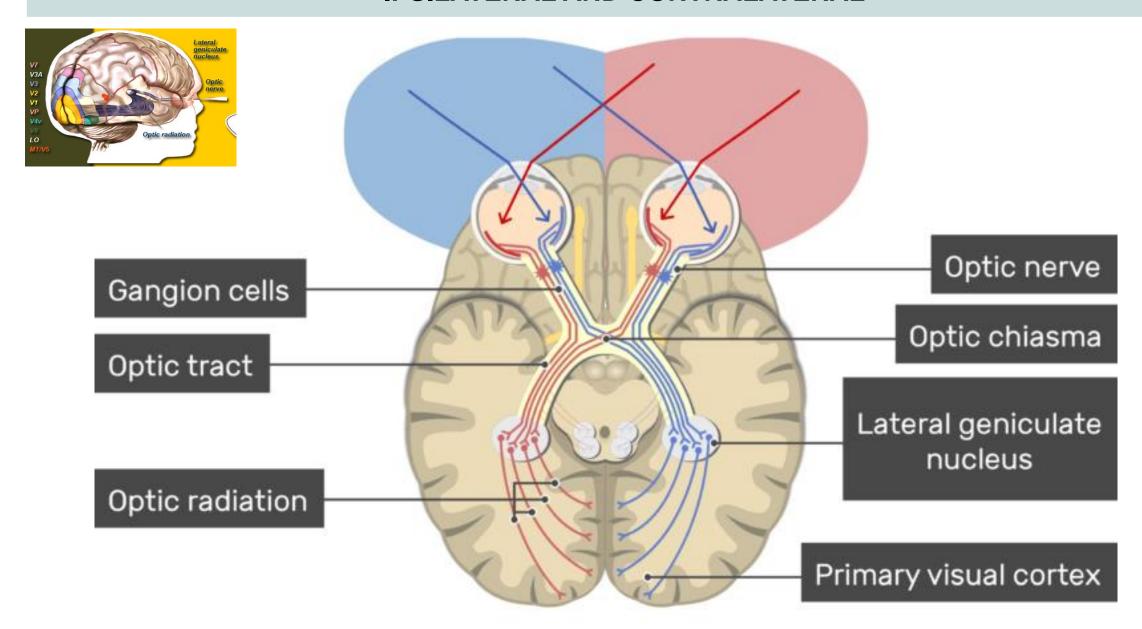


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IPSILATERAL AND CONTRALATERAL



Why does the mind occasionally function so ineffectively in the world?

Autopilot to Controlled response and failure, e.g. haste decision making often leads to Err, trade off – accuracy for speed and versatilities.

- William James "Mind's mistakes are as instructive as they are intriguing".
- "Things that are whole and unbroken hum along nicely and do their jobs while leaving no clue about how do they work."
- Keep in mind "Breakdowns and Errors are not just about destructions and failure, they
 are pathways to knowledge. Understanding lapses, errors, mistakes, and the
 occasionally puzzling nature of human behaviour provide a vantage operations of
 mental processes and behaviour."