



Intro. to Human Sciences Introduction to Psychology

Lecture 4

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Overview

- Recap
 - Key Questions in Psychology –
 - How do we perceive and select objects around us?
- Today's session – Moves from Individual to Social being

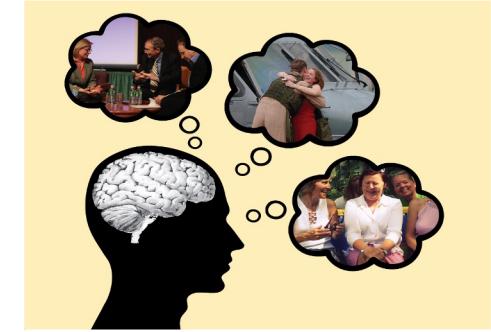
Overview



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)

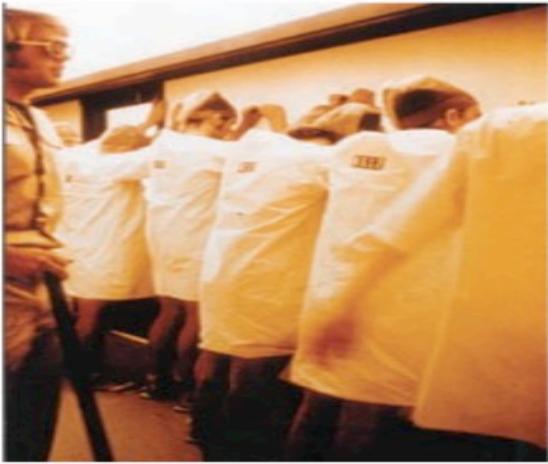
KEY Questions



How do people's thoughts, feelings, and behaviours are influenced by the real or imagined presence of other people?

How do people influence each other ?



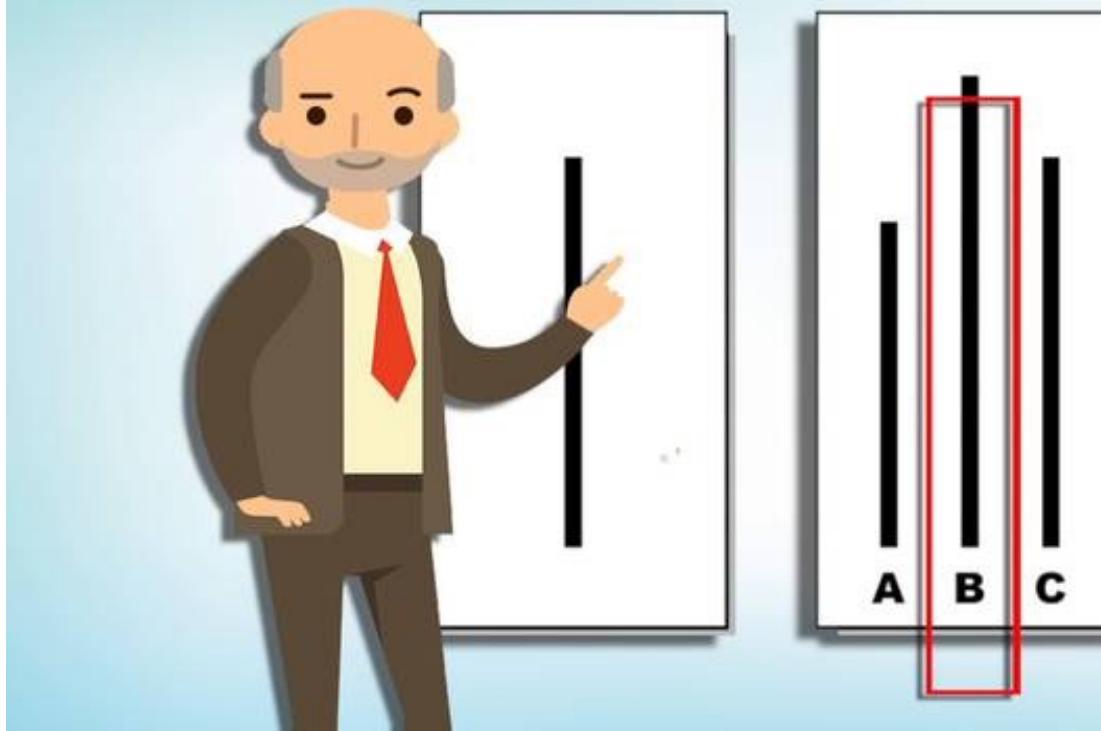


To some observers, some of the behaviors documented at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq (photos at right) are eerily similar to those of Zimbardo's prison study (photos at left). Were the same processes of deindividuation at work?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsWJPNhLCUU>

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ASCH'S EXPERIMENT



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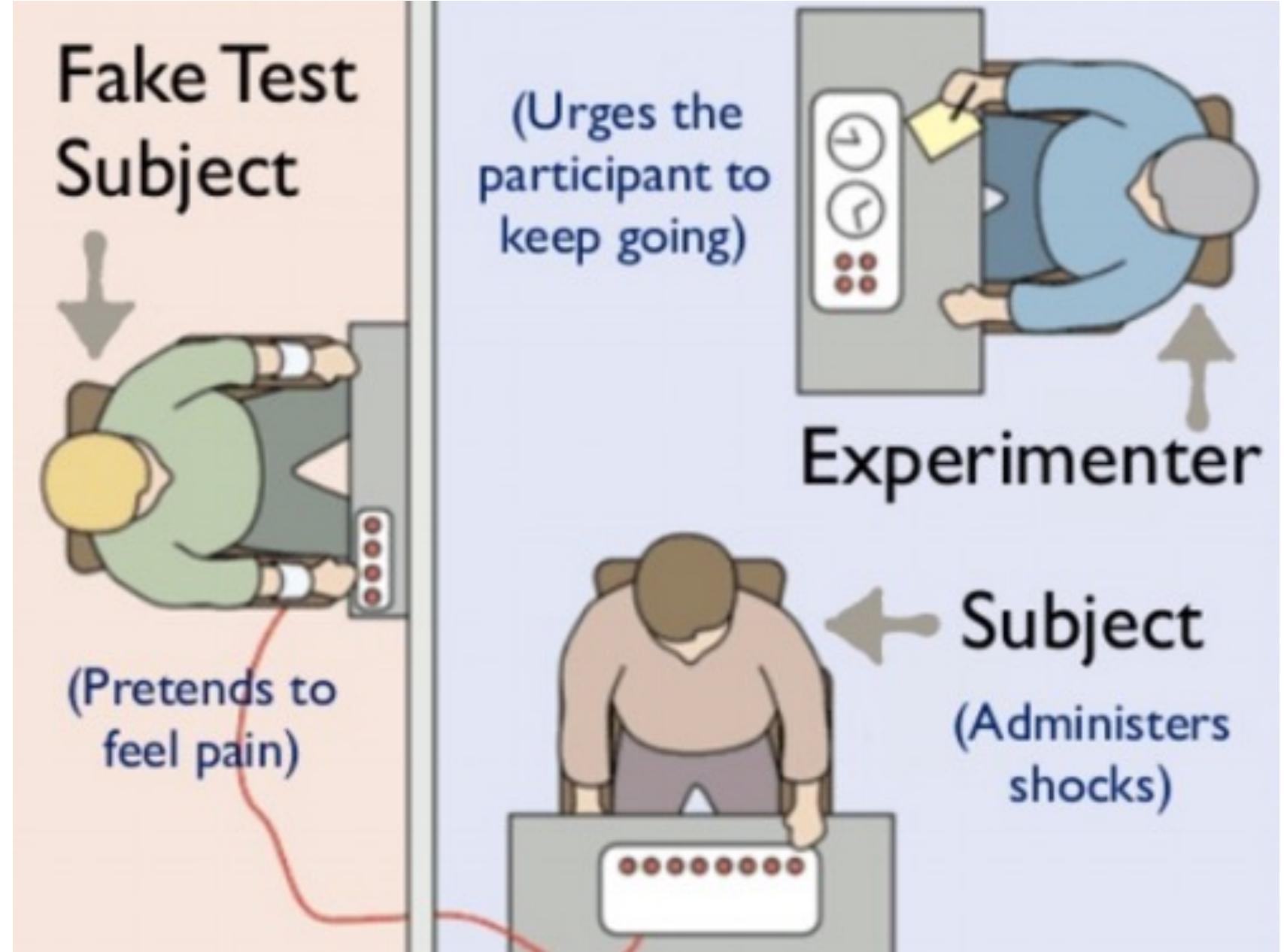
If such grouping leads to bad decision, why don't we quit?

Conformity, but is always bad?

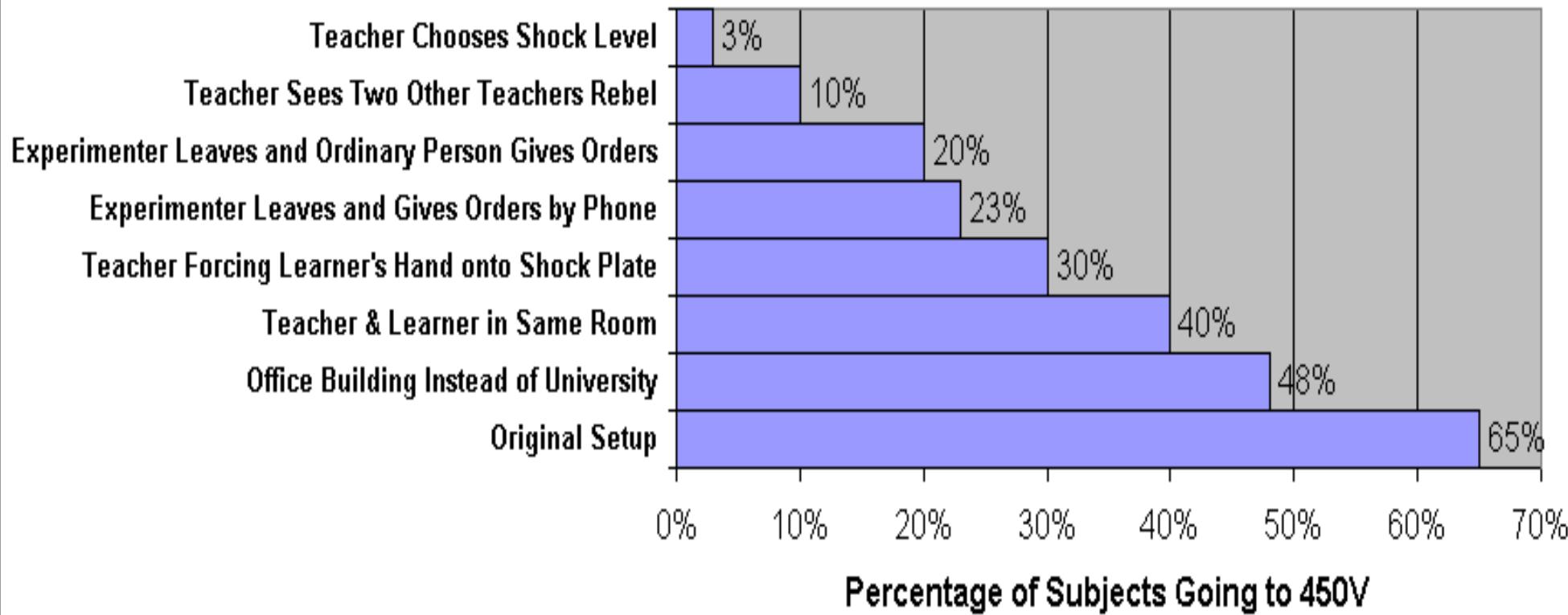


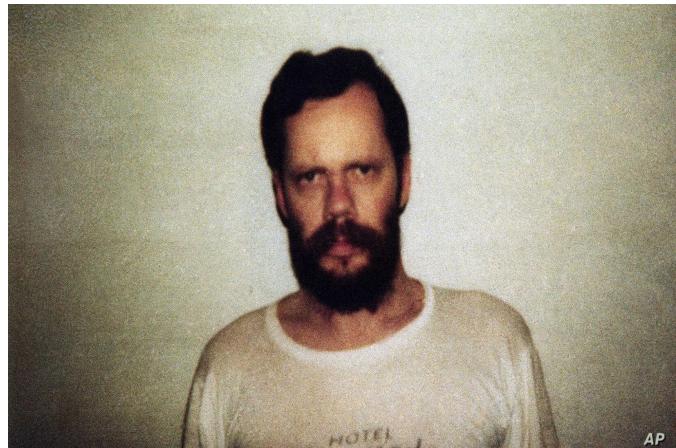
Asch Experiment

Milgram Test



Variations on Milgram's Experiment





Terry Anderson, American journalist
Abducted by Hezbollah militants in
Beirut, Lebanon and held in captivity
for nearly seven years



Robert Hillary King, semi-pro boxer
Arrested very early in life for armed
robbery, and later in life was sent to
Louisiana State prison for almost 32
years, of which 29 years in solitary
confinement



John McCain was a naval officer, when
he was shot down and captured by the
North Vietnamese. During Vietnam
war between China and Vietnam, and
American intermediary role. Spent 2
years in solitary confinement

WHAT'S COMMON BETWEEN THESE THREE MEN?

WHY THEIR STORY IS IMPORTANT FOR THIS CLASS?

HAVE HAD AN EXPERIENCE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT



Extensive period of isolation can induce symptoms of psychosis (Grassian, 2006)

Social isolation, even in small doses have a huge toll on people.

It increases the risks of depression, premature death, and is considered as bad as smoking or any other similar physical problems.



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ASIA

India struggles with religious lynchings

A cow-related lynching in the state of Jharkhand was not prosecuted by police and went unnoticed by the public. The incident has become a symbol of the Indian government's inept handling of religious hate crimes

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COMMUNALISM

Why Do Mob Lynchings Still Continue Unabated?

The idea 'instant' justice is immensely popular, and its acceptance even higher if the perceived crime is allegedly committed by a Muslim, Dalit, Christian or tribal.



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India mob lynching: Vigilante victims seek justice

Analyst says mob feels police will not intervene and that there will be no prosecution.

by Anchal Vohra

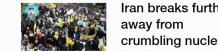
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TRENDING



Analyst: Iraq protests have 'overcome sectarianism'

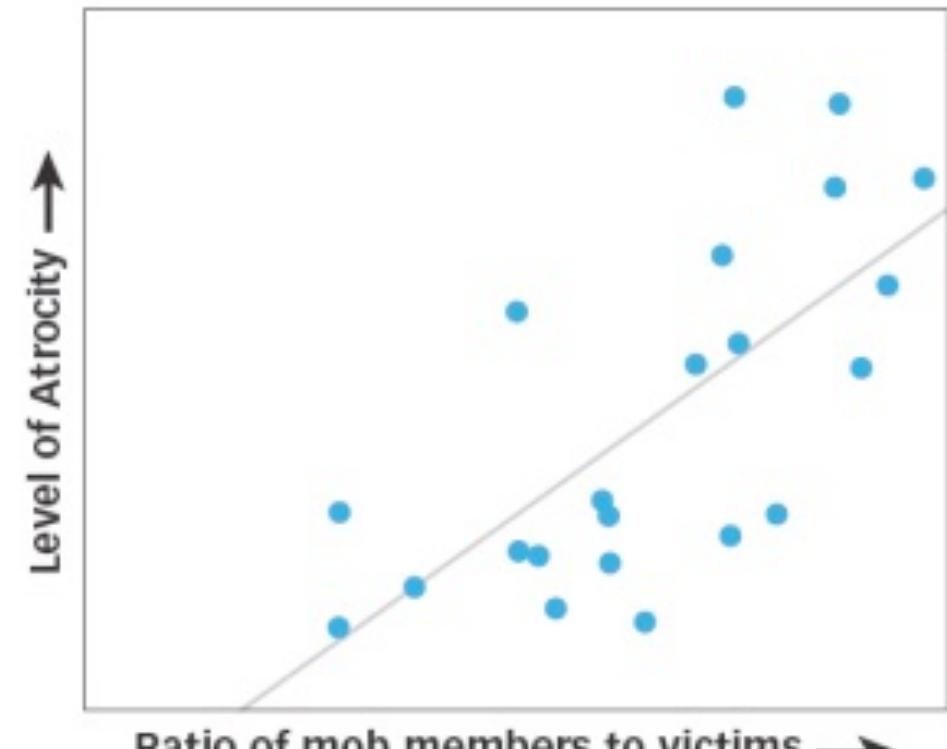


Iran breaks further away from crumbling nuclear deal

Power of Group and its impact on people decision and behavior - the Gullibility



Deindividuation and Diffusion of responsibility and Social Loafing



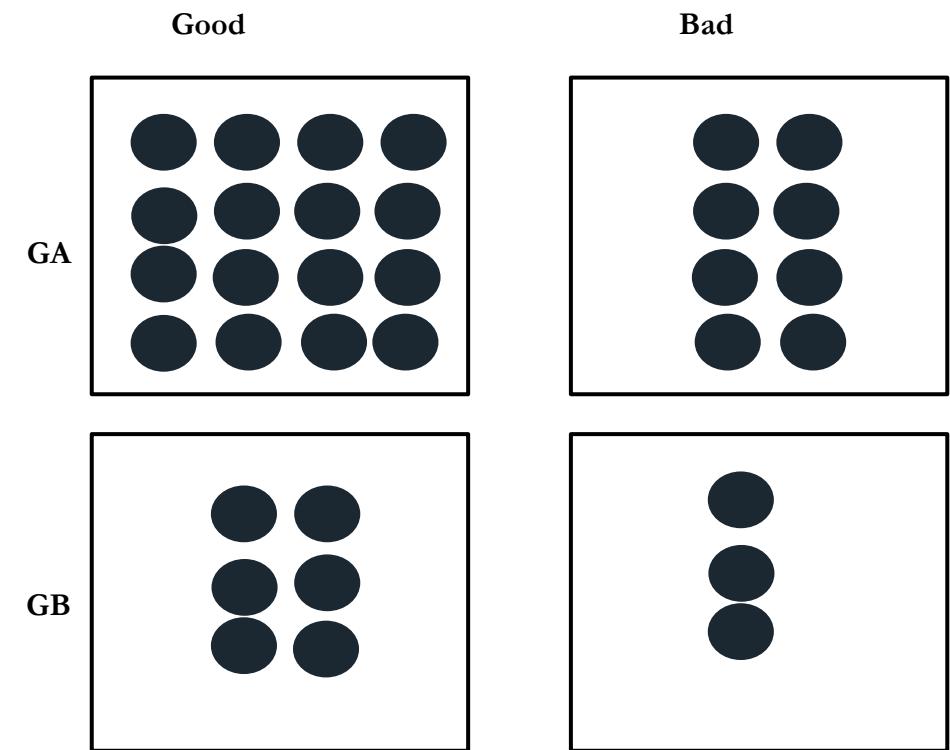
► Figure 13.5 Mob Size and Level of Atrocity Groups are capable of horrible things. These two men were rescued by police just as residents of their town prepared to lynch them for stealing a car. Because larger groups provide more opportunity for deindividuation and diffusion of responsibility, their atrocities become more horrible as the ratio of mob members to victims becomes larger (Leader, Mullen, & Abrams, 2007).



Social Cognition

Stereotyping: Inaccuracy and One shot Illusory Correlations

- Both group performed two-third good acts and one-third bad acts
- What do you think about the estimates on frequency of bad acts across group?
- Group A was correctly estimated as one-third, however, group B was inaccurately estimated as more than half a time
- However, group B and bad acts are rare, leading people to notice and remember their cooccurrence between group membership and behavior that isn't really there – indicating the minority stereotyping.



Explanations:

- Ease of availability – heuristics
- Lower WM capacity , loss of executive control

Hamilton et al., 1976; 1980

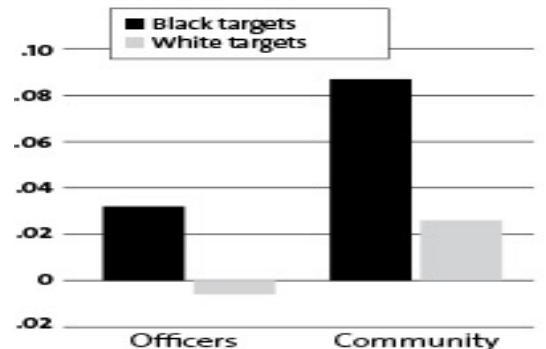
Stereotyping: Automaticity than Controlled

Armed and Dangerous?

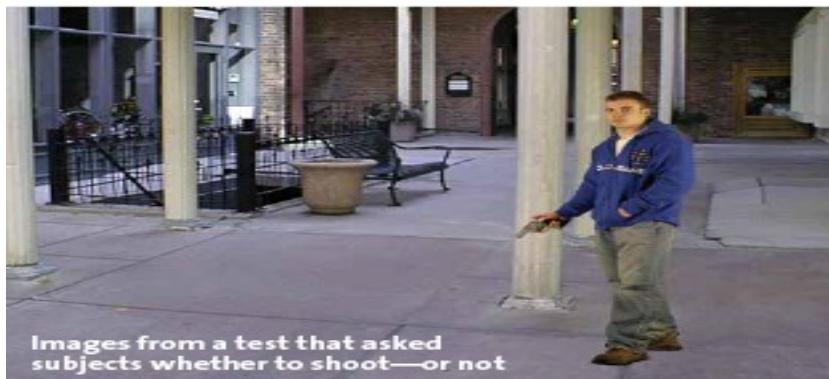
Denver police officers and community members were shown photos of black and white men—some holding guns, others holding harmless objects like wallets—and asked to press the “shoot” or “don’t shoot” button for each image. The result: Cops were better than community members at determining whether a target was armed (and they fired faster), but they still showed bias against black targets.

Propensity to shoot

Tendency to shoot at black vs. white targets, based on test outcomes

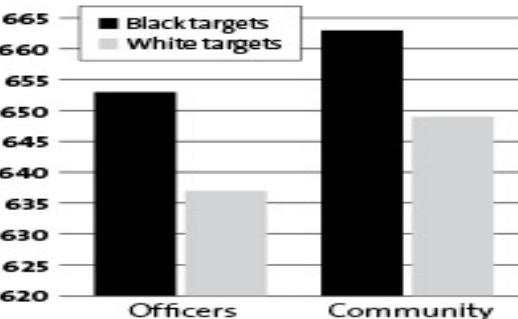


Source: *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 2007



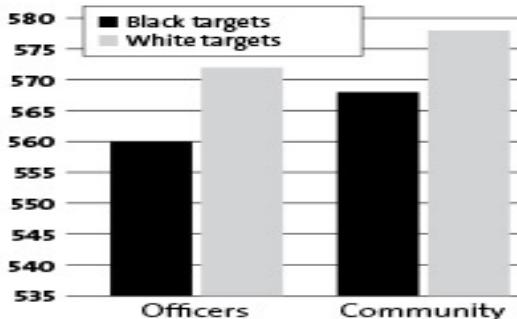
Participants are slower to press “don’t shoot” when unarmed target is black

Milliseconds elapsed before response



Participants are quicker to press “shoot” when an armed target is black

Milliseconds elapsed before response



Mother Jones



- Implicit Association Tests shows 70% of white Americans find it easier to associate white faces with positive concepts such as “peace” and black faces with negative concepts such as “Bomb” than the other way around
- Surprisingly, 40% of African American show the same pattern



**Any
questions**