

XXII: Psychology: Normal or Schizo?

Milgram: Obedience

Zimbardo: Social Role

Arendt: Banality → None are Complex Enough

Browning: Peer Pressure

Schizophrenic break with reality = Delusions? Psychology is relative. What is Schizo?

Normal:
Ego, Super Ego, Id

Schizo:
Only Id

Neurosis (Body)

1. Other is real
2. Organized
3. Cooperative
4. Inconsistent
5. Ego-Driven
6. Self v. Other
7. Functional

Psychosis (Mind)

1. Other is imaginary
2. Not organized
3. Not Cooperative
4. Consistent (lie)
5. Id-Driven
6. Self
7. Dysfunctional

Delusional Group Psychosis

Dual Existence: one N, one P

1. Both
2. Both
3. Both
4. Both
5. Super-Ego Driven
6. Both
7. Both

Group Psychosis:

1. No distinction between group and Self. Group = Self
2. Reworks reality to fit a Model → creates a projected reality, not an actual reality
3. Absurd premise, but consistent Logic
4. Perceived from outside the group as Psychotic, irrational, even Evil, but from inside the group, these are defined as Normal, rational, and good.
5. AND Individual appear normal outside the group, but Psychotic inside it.

Examples: Group-Dependent Psychosis:

1. Bureaucracy
2. Fraternities
3. Sports Teams
4. Military Units
5. Vegas, Mardi Gras, etc.

Murder:

Nazis redefine Jew, not Murder

Jew is Not Human, so Human rules and values do not apply. Therefore No guilt

Everyone has a value system (even Psychotics)

Responsibility?:

1. Legal:
 - Yes: Because laws of culpability and insanity only apply to individuals, not Groups.
 - Yes: Because actions are chosen and consensual
2. Moral:
 - Yes: Because actions defy all consensually accepted rules of Morality
3. Political:
 - Yes: Because actions crossed sovereign borders and infringed on the national rights of others
4. Common Sense:
 - Yes: No way to think of the Nazi Atrocities as anything but

BUT:

2. Morality:
 - No: Because their moral system (though Dual) was still consensual and still rules based.
3. Political:
 - No: Because there is no universally accepted definition of human rights
 - No: because Might makes Right (Pot and the Kettle Syndrome)