

Instructions for the June 29, 2021 Lectures

All right, super, we are moving right along. So we've looked at system and state levels of analysis for examining the reasons for war and conflict, our last 3 theories will be focused at the individual level. We'll start by rehashing the old "nature vs. nurture" argument so popular in the social sciences, and finish on Thursday with the newest theory of IR – peace studies theory. After those 3 lectures, I'll be recording a short discussion on APA formatting for your research paper. At the end of this week we will be within 2 weeks of the research paper being due, so you best get on it. Don't wait until the last minute. This is a complicated topic and you need to do a lot of research. OK, tonight, here's what we hit (pardon the pun):

1. Human Nature Theory

Task 1: Read these instructions (always).

Task 2: Read Chapter 8 in the text.

Task 3: Watch the lecture presentation on "Human Nature Theory." Are we as bad as you think? Let's find out...

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (Quitting the Hominid Fight Club by John Horgan). You can find the question on the link titled "Lecture / Discussion Page" highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the posted date to upload it to Canvas.

Task 5: Open the link for the video and watch Ricardo Lopes *Interview with Douglas Fry*. Fry is the author of a very interesting study titled "Beyond War: The Human Potential for Peace." He's got a pretty uplifting thesis if you ask me, but listen and make your own judgements.

Task 6: Click the link titled "Discussion Board Question and Peer Responses for Video Presentation" and answer the question that I have posted in approximately one paragraph or so. Wait for other students to put their responses and then pick two students to respond to. The deadline for these responses will be posted on Canvas. Don't be late....

So, is human nature the problem? Hold on a minute say scientists who subscribe to:

2. Cognitive Theory

Task 1: Same instructions as above.

Task 2: Read Chapter 9 of the text.

Task 3: Watch the second lecture presentation on the “CognitiveTheory.” My psych majors will probably like this one. Our problem is not *nature...it's nurture*.

Task 4: Read the article for your journal response (Same reading as above with Horgan). You can find the question on the link titled “Lecture / Discussion Page” highlighted in yellow. After completing the response, you will have until the date posted on Canvas to upload it.

Task 5: Continue with *Interview with Douglas Fry*.

Task 6: Same as Task 6 above. Your thoughts on this film will constitute your July 5 Discussion Board response. Same deadline as above. Looks like you will have 2 journal responses and 2 discussion board responses to pick from and to knock out before the deadline, so keep your focus and make sure to get them up on time.

See everybody on Thursday for our last theory.

Peace out,

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