

#19: Freud and morality

Main Points: By the end of this lecture (several days from now) you should be able to say

1. What are the strengths and limitations of Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development?
2. How did Freud explain the development of morality in children?
3. What are Id, Ego, and Superego? What are Oral, Anal, and Phallic Stages?
4. Can Freudian and Evolutionary Psychological theories talk to each other?

How do we get the unconscious to reveal its secrets?

What is wrong with hypnosis?

Look by not looking.

Free association: What is the goal?

Freudian slips

transference & counter transference (What is it and is it for real?)

How do you know you are correct?

MORAL DEVELOPMENT

What develops? Retributive justice as an example.

KOHLBERG – What was his method?

A stage theory

A. Pre-conventional morality

1. Avoid Punishment
2. Balancing act: Reward vs punishment

B. Conventional Morality

3. Conformist
4. Law and Order.

C. Post-conventional morality

5. Self-image and Societal Rules
6. Universal Ethical Principles
- 7?: Cosmic ethical principles

Problems with this approach (get sex, language, and culture in here)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What would FREUD say?

Id, Ego, & Superego

Freud's Structural Psychology was an attempt to explain how amoral babies grow into moral adults

What does little Mr. Id want?

Where does little Mr or Ms Id get pleasure?

Oral → Anal → Phallic stages

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The Ego grows out of the collision of little Mr. Id with reality.

Reality Check 1: The boundaries of the self

Reality Check 2: The reality principle

Morality gets more complex in the Phallic/Oedipal stage of development.

What is the story here?

The Superego is the internalized voice of

The weapon of the superego is

The defense of the ego is

Freud: Civilization and its discontents (1930s)

Sorting the silly from the serious

Some serious problems:

Problem 1: Freud was way off base on women and morality.

Problem 2: What is the evidence for oedipal roots of morality?

Problem 3: Are babies really amoral?

EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY revisited

The Moral Animal by Robert Wright (and Pinker's Blank Slate...even if I haven't finished it)

Stupid evolutionary psych

If it is natural it is going to happen.

Natural is moral.

Intelligent evolutionary psych

The slate is never really blank

Putting it all together

What would Freud say if he read Pinker?

1) How blank was Freud's slate?

Eros

Thanatos

2) Civilization complicates those drives