

# [Behaviorism and social learning theories](https://assignbuster.com/behaviorism-and-social-learning-theories/)

Behaviorism: Personality-doesn't include traits, unconscious conflicts, psychodynamic processes, conscious experiences or anything else that cannot be directly observed
-generally based on b databehaviorists-value objectivity and tighter theoretical reasoning
-theoritically opposed to humanists
-focus on how a person's behavior is a direct result of the environment ONBEHAVIORISM AND SOCIAL LEARNING THEORIES SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUFOR ONLY$13. 90/PAGEOrder Nowphilosophical roots: empiricism-idea that all knowledge comes from experience
-opposing view: rationalism
-assumes tabula rasa at birthphilosophical roots: associationism-any two things become mentally associated as one if they are repeatedly experienced close together in time
-often occurs as cause-and-effect relationship
ex) thunder and lightening
how babies learn-reaching out and getting what you wantphilosophical roots: hedonism-motivation= seek pleasure, avoid pain
-leads to social philosophy of utilitarianismtypes of learning: habituation-simplest way behavior changes as a result of experience
-happens even in single-celled animals and neurons
-variation can prevent habituation
-consequences possibly dangerous
> can occur after violent video games= more aggressive, less empathetic
> or can occur after positive changes= habituated to winning $ and become used to having lots of $types of learning: classical conditioning-affects emotions, feelings and physiological responses
-Pavlov
-learned helplessnesstypes of learning: operant conditioning-The Law of Effect: Edward Thorndike
-animal learns to operate in its world in a way as to change it to their advantage; learning stems from experience
-reinforcement: good outcome/result that occurs when animal or person performs a certain behavior makes behavior more likely
-punishment: makes behavior less likelyPunishment-aversive consequence that follows an act in order to stop it and prevent its repetition
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1)availability of alternatives
2) behavioral and situational specificity
3) timing and cosistency
4) conditioning secondary punishing stimuli
5) avoiding mixed messagesSocial Learning Theory-three theories in response to behaviorism's shortcomings
> Dollard and Miller
> Rotter
> Bandura
-acknowledged role of motivation, thought and cognition
-more aware of aspects important to humans
-sensitive to social dimension of learning
-does not treat organism as passiveSLT: Dollard and Miller-habit hierarchy (behavior most likely to perform at top, least at bottom)
-effect of rewards, punishments, and learning is to rearrange habit hierarchy
-deviated from classic behaviorism
-personality= individual's history of learning
-motivations-led by drives (primary and secondary)
> no behavioral change w/o reducing a driveD&M's Drive Reduction Theorydrive-> need-> behavior-> satisfaction-> reinforcementD&M's Frustration-Aggression Hypothesis-anger or frustration is natural or biological when person is blocked from a goal
-more important the goal-> greater the frustration-> greater the aggressive impulse
-preferred target is source of frustration but not always a good idea (shades of Freud's displacement idea)D&M's Approach-Avoidance ConflictFive key assumptions:
1. Increase in drive strength will
increase tendency to approach
or avoid a goal
2. Where there are two
competing responses, strong
one will win out
3. Tendency to approach a
positive goal increases the
closer one gets to the goal
4. Tendency to avoid a negative goal increases the closer one
gets to the goal
5. Tendency 4 stronger than tendency 3SLT: Rotter-expectancy (for a behavior)-individual's belief (or subjective probability) about how likely a behavior will attain a goal
> specific expectancy
> generalized expectancy (locus of control)
-expectancy value theory-behavioral decisions determined not just by presence or size of reinforcements but also by BELIEFS about likely results of behaviorSLT: Bandura-efficacy expectations: beliefs + interpretation of reality matters more than reality itself
-perceived probability that you can do something is key
-focus on self-efficacy (as opposed to Rotter's belief about reinforcement)
> belief abou tth eself
> belief in capability of doing
> likely to affect our motivation and performance
-research evidence: study regarding leg strength (told they were against an injured person resulted in higher self-efficacy and better performance than others who were told they were against an athlete)Bandura's Observational Learning-Bobo Doll Study (kids imitating actions of adult beating bobo doll)
-implications: starts earlyBandura's Reciprocal Determinismanalysis of how people shape environments:
-humans aren't passive-you can choose the environments that influence you
-social situations because you are there
-self-system develops that has its own effects on behavior, independent of environmentcontributions and limitations of SLT-objective research
-draws attention to influence of environment on behavior
-created useful talk and tech for behavioral change
BUT underestimates individual differences