

EIBI, ASD AND THE FORWARD MARCH OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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Behavior is a Function of Circumstances Past and Present



Fundamental Attribution Error

1. My behavior is a function of my circumstances
2. Your behavior is a function of something about you











The Typical Interpretation: Something is Wrong with Them

**"I'm not a bad girl!
You're a bad mommy!"**



Three Ancient Ideas About What is Wrong with Them

1. Their problem behavior is caused by defective morality.
2. Their problem behavior is caused by defective character.
3. Their problem behavior is caused by a defective psyche



Ancient Idea #1: Defective Morality



Ancient Idea #2: Flawed Character



Ancient Idea #3: Psychopathology



Disadvantages of the Ancient Ideas

1. People do not like to be thought of as defective, flawed, or mentally ill.
2. The ideas do not lead to effective correctives
3. Viewing people as defective, flawed, or mentally ill often leads to harsh judgment and treatment

The New Idea: Problem Behavior is a Function of Circumstances

- ▣ “There is no such thing as a bad boy, only bad environment, modeling, and teaching”
 - Father Edward Flanagan



Advantages of the Circumstantial View of Problem Behavior

1. People welcome the circumstantial view of their problem behavior
2. Circumstances can be modified in ways that improve the problem behavior
3. The circumstantial view does not justify harsh judgment and treatment

The Circumstantial Approach to Emptying Human Warehouses

1. Normalization
2. Circumstantial programs
3. Deinstitutionalization



Treatments Derived from the Circumstantial View of Behavior

- Autism
 - EIBI
- Habit disorders
 - Habit reversal
- Incontinence
 - Full spectrum behavioral treatment
- Anxiety
 - Escape extinction
- Depression
 - Behavioral activation
 - ACT
- Addiction
 - Contingency management



A Circumstantial Perspective on Pain (and Suffering)

1. Pain
 1. Organic
 2. Functional
2. Pain behavior
 1. Focus
 2. Expression
3. Response to pain
 1. Hovering
 2. Sympathy
 3. Special treatment

