Week 1: Human behaviour, is it all in the brain or mind? Part I

Learning Resources

Resources (Required)

Laureate Education, (2014), Weeks 1 & 2 Lecture Notes, [Video, Online], (accessed: 06/24/14)


Media (Required)

Laureate Education, (2014), Mind, Brain, and Behaviour Introduction [Video, Online], (accessed: 06/24/14)

Optional


Discussion

Required

Identifying scholarly research

Forming your own thoughts and ideas regarding a controversial topic can be challenging. Many scholars have attempted to solve questions regarding why humans behave certain ways, yet many of those questions remain unanswered. While the lack of a clear right or wrong answer can seem intimidating as a student, the fact that much is left to discover provides an exciting opportunity for you to develop new ideas and discoveries in this field!

Since so many scholars have studied and contributed to the mind-brain debate over the years, there is an abundance of available research on the mind-brain debate topic. For your first Discussion activity, you will use choose an article from the provided resources about the mind-brain debate that you would like to analyse in a Discussion with your colleagues.

To prepare for this Discussion:

- Review the required readings for this unit.
- Select an article from the provided resources in this unit on the mind-brain (or body) debate.
- Consider:
  - How does a non-matter, physical entity, such as the mind, influence and produce changes in the physical brain?
  - How do neuropsychology, neurophysiology, biology and psychology influence these views?
- Keep in mind, your colleagues will respond to your post and you will respond to your colleague’s posts commencing this Week and concluding in Week 2. Please reply to your
To complete this Discussion:

- **By Day 3, post**
  - A brief introduction of yourself to include: your name, your current profession or relevant professional experience, and your Psychology programme of interest.
  - The source information for the article you have chosen. Remember to use APA (American Psychological Association) style formatting.
  - A summary in your own words that describes the key ideas present in your chosen article and how they connect to the mind-brain debate.
  - An explanation for why you chose your article and how the views of the author(s) compare to those of this unit’s required readings. Were the ideas you discovered the same or different from those presented in the required readings? Have your views changed on the mind-brain debate after your research?
- **Respond to 3-5 of your colleagues’ posts addressing the following:**
  - How do your colleagues’ findings compare and/or contrast to the article you identified and discussed?
  - What new questions do you have about the mind-brain debate after reading your colleagues’ posts?
  - Does your article address any topics that your colleagues’ article does not mention, or vice versa?

Note the Week 1 discussion will span weeks 1-2. Therefore, follow-on responses are to be made during weeks 1-2 with all responses to classmates completed by Day 7 of Week 2.

To submit your response to the Discussion forum, click on Discussion in the module navigation menu, and click the Week 1 Discussion Forum.

To submit your initial response to Turnitin, click the "View/Complete" link for Week 01 Discussion Initial Response -- Turnitin.

**Hand-in Assignment**

There is no Hand-in Assignment for this week.

**Final Project**

**Optional**

There is no Final Project assignment this week.