

Human Development

Let's take a break this week to wrap up Chapter 8 on Human Development. Going over the concepts of the chapter, these are the main ideas I would have focused on. See if you recognize many of these thoughts and concepts, and some of the names connect to them. Would you be able to explain some of them!

Cross-sectional designs vs Longitudinal designs

Nature vs Nurture

The 3 major domains of development - Physical, Cognitive, and Socioemotional

Physical development as it relates to infants and young children

- Infant reflexes, fine vs gross motor skills in children, brain development

Physical development of adolescence - puberty, sexual hormones, and changes in the limbic system of the brain

Physical development in adults vs adolescents, and changes due to aging

Cognitive development – Jean Piaget's theory of cognitive development

- Sensorimotor stage - object permanence
- Preoperational stage - reversibility, conservation, and egocentricity
- Concrete Operational stage - concrete thinking
- Formal Operational stager - abstract reasoning, deductive reasoning

Egocentrism and invincibility in adolescents

Cognitive changes in adulthood

Socioemotional Development - what is it and how does temperament affect it?

- Infant attachment and Harlow's surrogate mothers experiment
- Erik Erikson's stages of development and what is means for parenting
- Adolescents and their important struggle for identity

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- Adults and the struggle for intimacy and generativity

How development of each domain is affected by:

- Gender
- Experiences
- Culture

Moral Development and Kohlberg's theory

- Preconventional moral development of pre-school age children
- Conventional moral development of school age children
- Post-conventional moral development of young adults + adults

Theories on death, dying, and grieving

- Ernest Becker theory on death, and a culture shield against mortality
- Kubler-Ross's five stages of dying
- Bonanno's patterns of grief

Again, if something is confusing, or you would just like to know more about a particular topic you read, please don't hesitate to email me and I'll try to help you with this. It's all good stuff for you to know and think about as you grow, mature, and take on more and more responsibility!

Miss you all, Mr. Larivee

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