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Etherington describes the dehumanization of primary students as a direct result of online pedagogy. He goes on to illustrate the potential problems that will stem from this: “isolation, lack of community and decreased socialization of its learners….repetitive stress injuries, eyestrain, obesity, and social isolation” (p. 43). His research also notes human advancement led them to create better technology. This technology led humans to become reliant on machines solely, which in its brilliance demands social isolation.

“When a child gets on their computer….there is no sense of a physical connection – there is only a mask that lies on top of a set of computer instructions” (p. 34). Further research indicated that if a teacher were absent from the classroom, but were elsewhere conducting an interactive activity, the children would not only leave the computer, but would have no interest in the computer during this activity.


In this book, psychology is defined as “the science of behavior and mental processes” (p. 5). Further, it breaks down the terms that define psychology, and how they are used to accomplish the goals of psychology. Science is the act of “psychologists attempt[ing] to understand people through careful, controlled observation” (p. 5).

Behavior is considered any direct action that can be observed. Mental processes are any “private thoughts, emotions, feelings, and motives that others cannot directly observe” (p. 5). Additionally, this book goes into detail regarding the “nature versus nurture” debate,
in which two researchers studied the effects of early social deprivation on monkeys by taking a group of infant monkeys and raising them for the first few months of life in isolation. The monkeys were then introduced to other monkeys, and later placed in breeding cages. “It was then that the Harlows noticed that the social, sexual, and emotional behavior of these monkeys was distinctly abnormal” (p. 319). Their research was further proven by the birthing of baby monkeys.


This book defines socialization from an industry perspective: “sociologists use the term socialization to refer to the lifelong social experience by which people develop their human potential and learn culture” (p. 72). Further, this book states that “humans need social experience to learn their culture and to survive” (p. 72). According to Mead (as cited in Macionis, 2008), who developed social behaviorism and the central concept of self, “the self develops only with social experience” (p. 77). Socialization is also critically enhanced by children attending school. In school, they begin to recognize cultural, racial, social, and gender differences. During this time, children also begin to form peer groups, which permit “escape [from] direct supervision of adults” (p. 81) and they first begin to learn to establish relationships outside the family. Also, this book illustrates the physical manifestations that can result from a lack of socialization: become “more passive, less physically fit, less likely to use imagination” (p. 82).

Avoidant personality disorder (similarly, social phobias), increased proneness to phobias: terrified of rejection and criticism that they are generally unwilling to enter relationships. As a result, they do not often have close relationships outside their family. Separation-individuation: a process by which children learn to “differentiate their own identities from their mothers” (p. 456). This can create a personality disorder in an adult who has not been socialized outside the home and lead to separation anxiety. This type of anxiety could lead to a borderline personality disorder in which people are not overly confident about their personal characteristics, leading to feelings of emptiness and boredom. Additionally, there are several communication disorders that can develop in children who are not taught how to properly enunciate and articulate different letters, from expressive language disorder, mixed receptive/expressive language disorder, and phonological disorder, to stuttering.


To put into perspective the current popularity of online learning, Ross indicates that “over 85% of Fortune 500 companies use remote training” (p. 482). Additionally, Ross’s research has found that while some high schools have already converted to the online format, in Pennsylvania, there is “currently a proposal for a cyber-school that would enroll children as young as 5 years old” (p. 482). Adults might be able to see how destructive that is, but in Toronto, the Wired Culture Forum was hosted in which more than 400 high school students expressed concern regarding technology taking over their lives – an increasing reliance on machines, the internet isolating them individually, and “how technology threatens their privacy and ability to relate to others” (p. 483). This is
especially disconcerting because, adults might be expected to notice an effect like this, but as humanity continues to evolve, the younger generation (high school students) is beginning to notice the possibility of the dangerous effects of primary children being left to teach themselves in a fully online environment.