Abstract

Using a unique organizational framework that emphasizes six domains of knowledge about human nature, Personality Psychology presents an accessible, contemporary look at personality as a collection of interrelated topics and themes. The book focuses on the scientific basis of our knowledge about human nature, supported by research and theory.


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Modern personality psychology has moved largely away from theories of human nature and focuses almost exclusively on individual differences (Larsen & Buss, 2010). Indeed, some define personality psychology as having this exclusive focus: “Personality is that branch of psychology which is concerned with providing a systematic account of the ways in which individuals differ from one another” (Wiggins, 1979, p. 375). Despite this, not all knowledge is shared as the type and amount of knowledge shared rely on the worth of the knowledge to each related individuals involved (Larsen & Buss, 2013). Riege (2005) further added that other contributing factors to knowledge sharing include availability and copyrights protection. Randy Larsen and David Buss dynamically demonstrate how scientists approach the study of personality in Personality Psychology: Domains of Knowledge About Human Nature. Major findings, both classical and contemporary, are presented in the context of six key domains—Dispositional, Biological, Intrapsychic, Cognitive/Experimental, Social and/Culture, and Adjustment—providing a foundation for the analysis and understanding of human personality. Instructors and students can now access their course content through the Connect digital learning platform by purchasing either standalone Connect access.