

EDP 7400 Social Psychology of Educational Issues

Group Discussion Activity #10

A. As a change agent in an educational setting, having referent power can be a very desirable and valuable thing. It is often helpful to be able to attain important goals by exerting a positive influence on students, teachers and parents simply because you and your ideas are viewed as likable and attractive. Discuss what the chapters and lecture notes on interpersonal relationships reveal about the social psychological factors involved in liking and attraction. What are some specific ways you can ethically and sincerely use these social psychological factors to increase your attractiveness and likeability?

B: Discuss what the chapters and lecture notes on interpersonal relationships reveal about the social psychological factors involved in friendship development and the ramifications of loneliness and peer rejection. What are some specific interventions you could utilize based on these social psychological factors to address issues of loneliness and rejection with students? How would the interventions differ for different age groups? Is there a particular age group you would target first? Why?