

## EDP 7400 Social Psychology of Educational Issues

### Group Discussion Activity #1

Scan the notes from class #1, especially the definition of social psychology, and the topics listed in the syllabus. Using your own real-life experiences and knowledge about school environments, do the following:

A: Provide as many examples that you can think of that exemplify how attitudes, emotions, or behaviors are influenced by the real, imagined, or perceived presence of others in school environments. Consider the following examples:

- Teachers and school personnel influenced by students.
- Students influenced by teachers and school personnel.
- Teachers and school personnel influenced by other teachers.
- Students influenced by other students.

For each condition, try to provide examples that represent social influence on the *intrapersonal* domain as well as the *interpersonal* domain.

B: We discussed how cultural and historical events shaped the focus and practice of social psychology and school psychology. What events in contemporary culture and recent history do you see as currently having the greatest impact on students now? How can knowledge of social psychology of educational issues benefit you as you work with students?