

EDP 7400 Social Psychology of Educational Issues

Group Discussion Activity #2

A: Choose any social phenomenon one might observe in a school which would warrant further investigation. State a hypothesis and provide a brief outline of one approach to investigate this topic. What specific steps would you need to take to ensure an ethical experiment? As appropriate, comment on: experimental impact, experimental realism and mundane realism, illusory causation, illusory correlation, and heuristics, and how you might address these concepts in your research design.

B: Discuss examples of conformity you have witnessed in educational settings. Based on the limited factors discussed thus far in lecture, what are the factors that may have increased or decreased the tendency to conform? How might this knowledge aid educational professionals in appropriately intervening?