

EDP 7400 Social Psychology of Educational Issues

Group Discussion Activity #3

A. Choose an undesirable social behavior encountered in a school environment that may have developed out of conformity. Discuss the social psychological factors that may have contributed to the development of this problem. Using your knowledge of factors that increase and decrease conformity, develop a strategy to change this undesirable behavior or replace it with a more desirable alternative. Choose a strategy that starts with gaining compliance with a more appropriate behavior, but that moves toward internalization of the new behavior

B. Choose a potential crisis situation that may be encountered in a school environment. Using your knowledge of principles of conformity which explain why people may not become involved in a crisis, describe specific strategies one may use to maximize an appropriate emergency response. How may knowledge of the egoistic motives of helping behavior further assist you in understanding why people may help and therefore maximizing the likelihood of assistance in a crisis?