

1. In your own words, what is Aronson's definition of social psychology? Give an example of behavior that social psychologists would be interested in studying.
2. Is social psychology simply common sense? Why or why not? Why is it important to conduct scientific investigations of hypotheses about social behavior?
3. Describe three advantages that professional social psychologists have over amateurs.
4. "People who do crazy things are not necessarily crazy." Explain the meaning of this statement and how it is relevant to a social-psychological perspective on understanding social behavior. What are some of the drawbacks of explaining unpleasant behavior by labeling it as sadistic or crazy?
5. Define and give an example of a "dispositional" view of the world.

Answer Key

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