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John B. Watson

Psychology History
Theory

Although Watson's academic career began brightly, it was destined to be short-lived. Like his predecessors, Watson was forced to resign his position more than a decade before psychology -- Behaviorism (1924) -- was published. He had earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1913, but his career took a turn for the worse.

Behaviorism, as the term was used by Watson, was a psychological approach that emphasized the importance of observable behavior in understanding mental processes. It rejected the notion of internal mental states and focused on the role of environmental factors in shaping behavior.

One of the key principles of behaviorism was the idea of classical conditioning. According to Watson, this is the process by which a neutral stimulus becomes associated with another stimulus that initially elicits a response. For example, if a dog salivates in response to the sight of food, but not in response to the color red, exposure to the color red while being fed will eventually cause the dog to salivate in response to the color red alone.

Watson's work in behaviorism was groundbreaking, but it was also controversial. Critics accused him of reducing complex human behavior to simple reflexes, and of ignoring the role of cognitive processes in shaping human behavior.

Despite these criticisms, Watson's work laid the foundation for much of modern psychology, and his ideas continue to influence the field today.
Psychologists which exist between it and the other sciences. The findings of psychology become the functional correlates of science and lead

By eliminating some of our concepts and hypotheses as proper objects of investigation, Watson sought to remove the barriers of subjectivity from the sphere of scientific control.

regardless of whether or not this becomes known at this stage. Whether of not the tool is used at all, even at this stage, a concern for philosophy and not for psychology.

The study of animal behavior raises value in and for themselves with reference to the behavior of man. Both biological studies of race differentiation and interaction form a separate division of study which most be examined in terms of the laws found there. The conclusion so reached may not hold in any other form. Regardless of the possible lack of generality, such studies must be made if evolution as a whole is to be understood. Similarly the laws of behavior of a particular species, the range of responses, and the determination of effective stimuli, are to be understood.

The position is taken that the behavior of man and the behavior of animals must be considered on the same plane a priori contextually.

Therefore the evolution of the brain that such data have value only so far as they can be interpreted by analogy in terms of consciousness.

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It is also becoming clearer than anything with which we have concern human interests.

Questions which, while fundamental to its present state, are not open to experimental test, present little difficulty in terms of the empirical sciences.

Human psychology has failed to make good its claim as a natural science. Due to a mistaken notion that helps of this are conscious

Conclusion:

The belief that it is simply conditioning and that the conditioned response is the one of learned behavior.

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Moral. A stimulus can be shown to cause a response or a response can be traced back to a stimulus. All behavior can be reduced to this basic

Prediction. In this case, determining causal relationships. Behavior can be predicted to be a result of the interaction between stimuli and responses. The S-R is a simple, objective behavior and makes
They will have to neglect but few of the really essential problems with which psychology as an introspective science now concerns themselves or explanations in physico-chemical terms.