

LEARNING STANDARDS AND OBJECTIVES

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AP Psychology

Unit 9 - Social Psychology

9.3 Conformity, Compliance, and Obedience

ASCA

Personal/Social Development

Standard B: Students will make decisions, set goals and take necessary action to achieve goals.

PS:B1 Self-knowledge Application

PS:B1.8 Know when peer pressure is influencing a decision

Standard C: Students will understand safety and survival skills.

PS:C1 Acquire Personal Safety Skills

PS:C1.9 Learn how to cope with peer pressure

CASEL

Self-awareness

Self-confidence

Relationship skills

Resist inappropriate social pressure

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to...

1. Define the following words & phrases:

- Peer pressure
- Tyranny of the majority
- “Groupthink”
- Dissent
- Blind spot
- Devil’s advocate



2. Describe the dangers of caving to conformity
3. Describe the findings of the Asch conformity experiments
4. Provide examples (historically or personally) of times when “groupthink” proved disastrous
5. Describe what the role of the court jester was and why it was important
6. Describe why being mindful of our blindspots is important
7. Explain how the First Amendment helps safeguard against the tyranny of the majority
8. List opinions or beliefs that were once widely accepted, but now known to be false

