

Unit 3: Behavioral Theories of Learning

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Agenda

Discussion

Overview of behavioral principles

Application of behavioral principles

Quiz review

For next week

Your experience?

What are some examples from your personal or professional life where behavioral principles or strategies are/were applied? How effective were they?

Principles of Operant Conditioning

1. Changes in the environment can affect behavior.
2. Behavior that is reinforced is strengthened.
3. Behavior that is punished is weakened.
4. Schedules /frequency of reinforcement influences the strength and rate of responses.
5. Reinforcers and punishers have variable effects for different learners.

Discussion

How would you use behavioral principles to reduce the carbon footprint of USC?

Reflection Questions

1. What are your thoughts and reflections on behavioral theory?
 - How beneficial is the theory to you in addressing learning?
Addressing problems of practice?
 - What are the limitations of the theory?
2. What practices will change as a result of this week's reading and discussion? Why?
3. What questions do you have about the use and application of behavioral approaches?

Quiz Review

For Next Week

Unit 4: Social Cognitive Theory and Self-Regulation

- Watch recorded lectures and interviews
- Complete readings
- Complete quiz