

LEARNING JOURNEY

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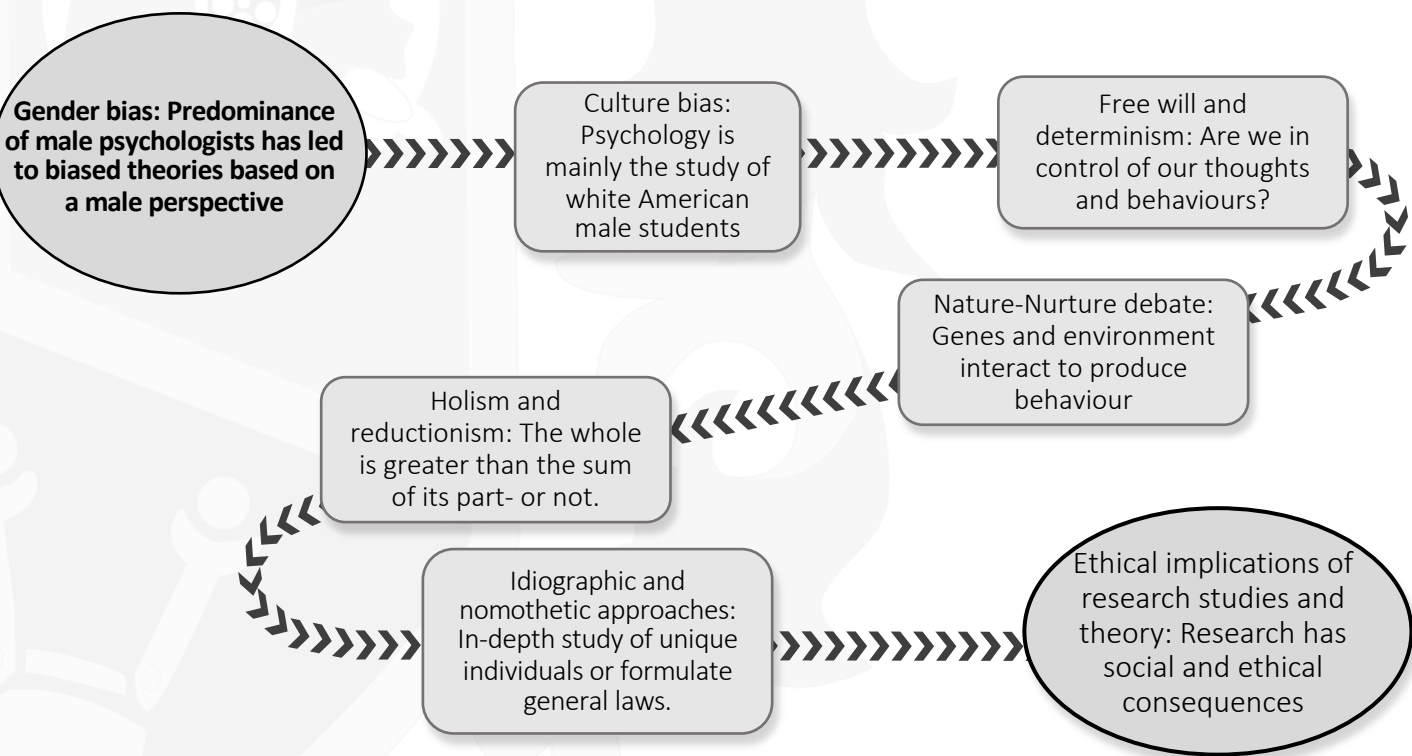
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Issues and debates

Psychology emerged in the late 1800's as an attempt to apply scientific techniques to understanding the mind and behaviour – questions which philosophers had posed for thousands of years through introspective methods and logical reasoning.

Many of the broad themes and issues which emerged through the history of philosophical thought remain central to psychology today in relation to questions such as what is the essential nature of human beings, what forces motivate behaviour, and what methods are most appropriate to study human beings.

The issues and debates in psychology consider some of the important arguments in relation to conducting research and explaining behaviour. The key issues and debates include gender and culture in psychology; free will and determinism; the nature-nurture debates; idiographic and nomothetic approaches and ethical issues and social sensitivity.



VOCABULARY: Universality, alpha/beta bias, androcentrism, cultural relativism, ethnocentrism, psychic determinism, epigenetics, interactionists, diathesis-stress model, ethical implication, social sensitivity, idiographic, nomothetic, law of parsimony, holism, reductionism



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