

Dehumanization

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Dehumanization (“D”)

- Current literature-- Three meanings :
 - a. “D” in ref. to complex psychosocial processes (e.g., technology, modern medicine, computers, etc.);
 - b. “D” as a state of mind, i.e., feeling of being dehumanized (e.g., unwanted sexual advances);
 - c. “D” as a psychological process, i.e., what makes man’s aggression towards man possible.

Dehumanization -- definition

- Depriving humans of human quality, personality, spirit, or life
- Contexts: 1. “D” in psychosocial situations (e.g., as a process: technology, etc.; as a state of mind); 2. Adaptive dehumanization; 3. “D” in pathological narcissism (Narcissistic Dehumanization Type I and Type II, e.g., as part of aggression and violence)

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