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- **PERSONALITY**

- **What makes each person unique?**

- **CONSTRUCTS**-abstractly characterizes specific types of people. “Good people.”
- Individual differences or characteristics.
- Consistency or continuity of behavior patterns originating within the individual. Stable processes underlie thoughts, feelings, and behavior. This is a measure across time and situations. This raises the question, “if person is stable, why do our behaviors vary so much?”

- **Sources of influence on behavior.**

- Person (Personality psychology emphasizes the influence of person variables due to trait relevance)
- Situation

- **Personality Concept**

- Personal distinctiveness (unique characteristics)
- Organized structure
- Active processes
- Interpretive nature of personality (i.e.-palm reading)
- Vagueness (i.e.-Barnum effect using general statements that apply to everyone)
- **PSYCHOMETRIC (GROUPS) APPROACH:** All traits are shared, comparisons can be made
- **BIOGRAPHICAL (INDIVIDUAL) APPROACH:** Traits differ, comparisons may not be possible
- Conscious or unconscious processes?
- Free will or determinism?

FREE WILL-We are in control.

DETERMINISM-Fate is predetermined. (Advocates-Skinner and Freud)

- **PHRENOLOGY**

Personality is determined by the shape of a person's skull.

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- **THEORY AND RESEARCH**

- **THEORY**-Explains what is known and predicts what will happen.