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## Conformity



- Participants judge how many inches the dot moves
- Alone
- Then in groups of 2 or 3
- Then in a new group or alone again
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- When they then enter a new group or do the task alone, they stick with this estimate


Likely due to informational influence

- Because the situation was ambiguous
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- What if the answer is blatantly clear? (Asch, 1955)
- Which line does the line on the left resemble?
- Would you still say the same if 5 other people in the room gave a different answer?
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRh5qyognNw

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- Conformity to group opinions
- $75 \%$ sometimes followed the group
- $36 \%$ always followed the group
- Example of strong normative influence
- We see this outside the lab too
- E.g. peer pressure
- Factors that influence it
- Group size
- Lack of consensus



## Today's lecture

$\checkmark$ Attitudes
$\checkmark \quad$ What are they?
$\checkmark \quad$ Attitude-behavior link
2. Social influence
$\checkmark$ Conformity

- Obedience

3. Group processes

- Working in groups
- Deindividuation

4. Interpersonal relationships

- Forming and maintaining relationships
- Romantic relationships

