

Lecture 6
Culture, Ethnicity and Personality
An Overview of Psychological Cognitive and Anthropology
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I. Language, the Mind and Culture

A. Cognitive Anthropology

1. Ancestors –Anthros, involved in Culture & Personality studies including Benedict, Mead, and Linton can be claimed as ancestors of Cognitive Anthro, and with earlier linguistic anthros like Kroeber, Whorf and Sapir.
2. Origins
3. Cognitive Anthro through the years.
4. Example of CA in fieldwork.

B. Psychological Anthro — Culture and Personality

A sub-field of cultural anthropology, Psychological Anthro examines variation in psychological traits and personality characteristics among cultures. In other words, psych. anthro. is a branch of cultural anthropology that seeks to determine the nature of the interaction between the individual and his or her culture.

C. History of Psychology and Anthropology

II. Cultural Practices and Human Development

A. Enculturation

B. Self-awareness

C. The Environment

III. Personality

A. What is it?

B. Dependence Training vs. Independence Training

1. Dependence

2. Independence

C. Modal Personalities

D. Normal vs. Abnormal personalities

For further information go to:

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wanthro/psych.htm>