

APPRAISAL

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ABSTRACT

There is a question as to whether the use of the term "appraisal" in different substantive and conceptual contexts in Descriptive Psychology represents a single concept. The definition of "appraisal" is reviewed and a basic explication in terms of "what the situation calls for" is given. The concept of appraisal is examined in the context of emotional behavior, the Actor-Observer-Critic Schema, the Judgement Diagram, assigning statuses, objective appraisals, and final order appraisal. The various uses of the term are found to be consistent.

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