

Psychology in the 2000s

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Discussion Questions

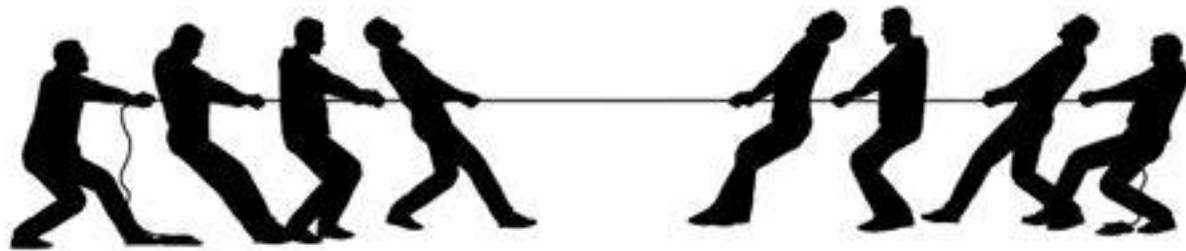
- What is the scientist-practitioner split?
- How were minorities represented in psychology?
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- Is psychology unified? Are there multiple psychologies?
- What are today's trends in psychology?



**What is the scientist-
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- In the 1960s, the split between scientists and practitioners became more pronounced.
 - Their values and interests were in conflict.
- In 1962, for the first time in the APA's history, practitioners outnumbered researchers.
 - Researchers were not happy about (1) losing power and (2) the APA's increased focus on practitioners.



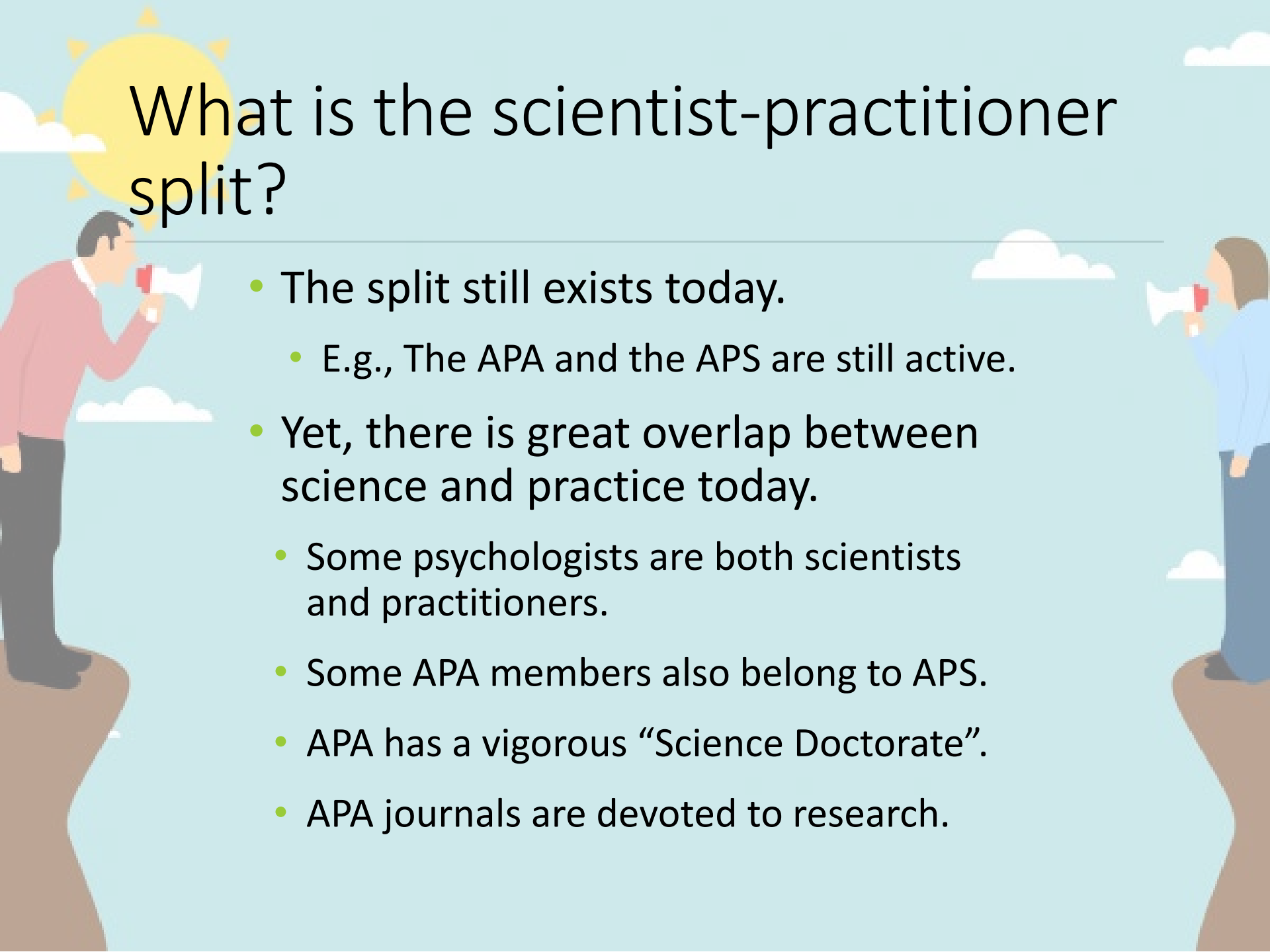
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- In the 1980s, researchers asked the APA to reorganize, but the request was denied.
- In 1988, an elite group of experimental psychologists responded by forming the American Psychological Society (APS).



What is the scientist-practitioner split?

- The split still exists today.
 - E.g., The APA and the APS are still active.
- Yet, there is great overlap between science and practice today.
 - Some psychologists are both scientists and practitioners.
 - Some APA members also belong to APS.
 - APA has a vigorous “Science Doctorate”.
 - APA journals are devoted to research.



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How were minorities represented in psychology?

- Historically, members of minority groups were:
 - Perceived to be inferior.
 - Excluded from informal social networks.
 - Less likely to secure full-time academic positions.
 - Limited to teaching at small minority colleges.
 - Less connected to resources.



How were minorities represented in psychology?

- Since the 1950s, the APA has attempted to create a climate of inclusiveness.
- In 1950, it pledged to hold its conference in cities free from overt discriminatory practices.
- In the 1960s, 70s, and 80s, it created several committees to study minority issues in training and employment.
- In 1974, it started awarding financial aid for graduate study to minority students.

How were minorities represented in psychology?

- By the **mid-1900s**, psychology became more diverse in terms of its:
 - Subdisciplines.
 - Research questions.
 - Theories and applications.
 - Representation of gender, racial, and religious minorities.

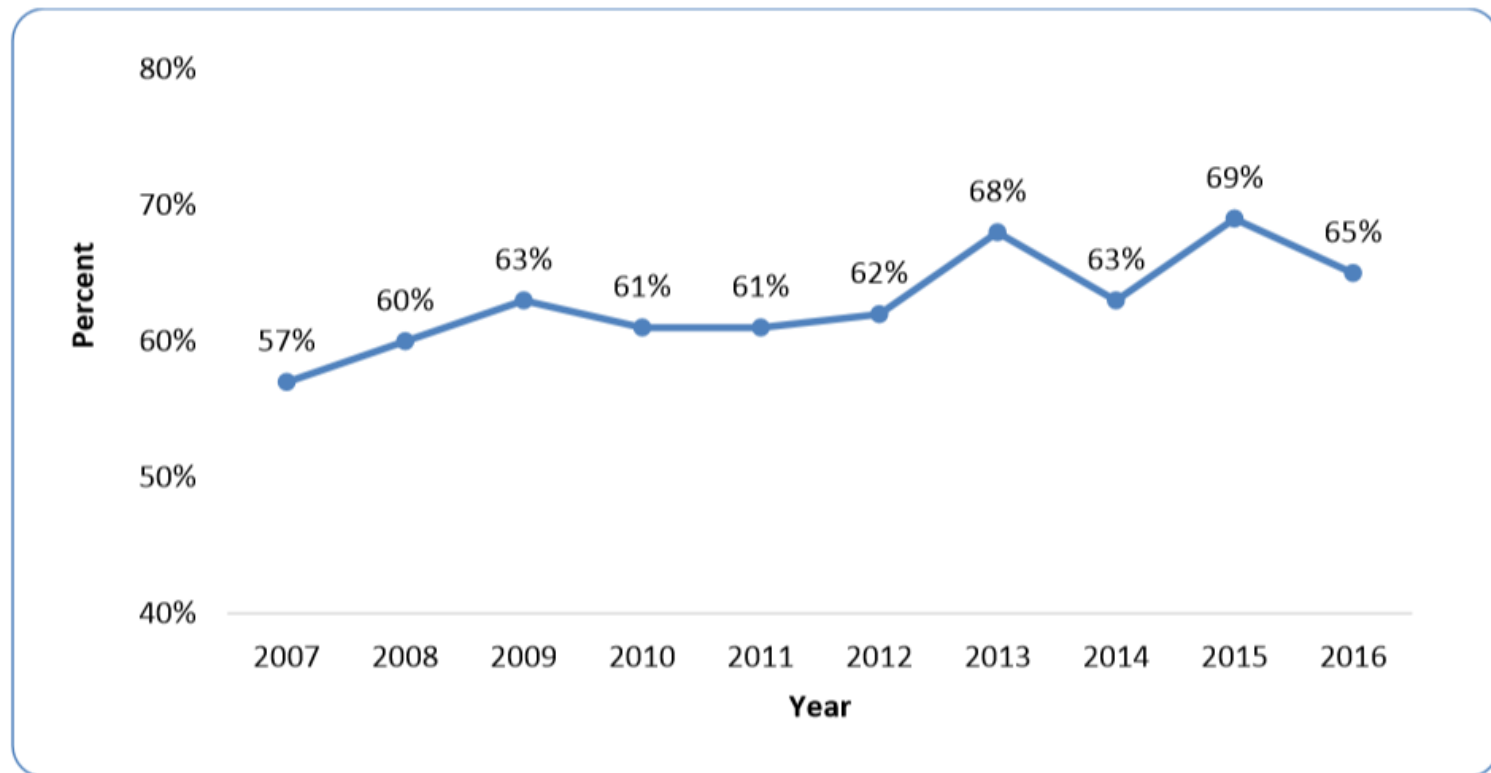


How are gender minorities represented today?

- In 2016, women were better represented in American psychology.
 - Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of undergraduate and graduate psychology students are women.
 - Slightly less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of working PhDs are women.
 - In 2016, 65% of American psychologists were women, up from 57% in 2007.

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Figure 6. Percent of Women in the Active Psychology Workforce, 2007-2016



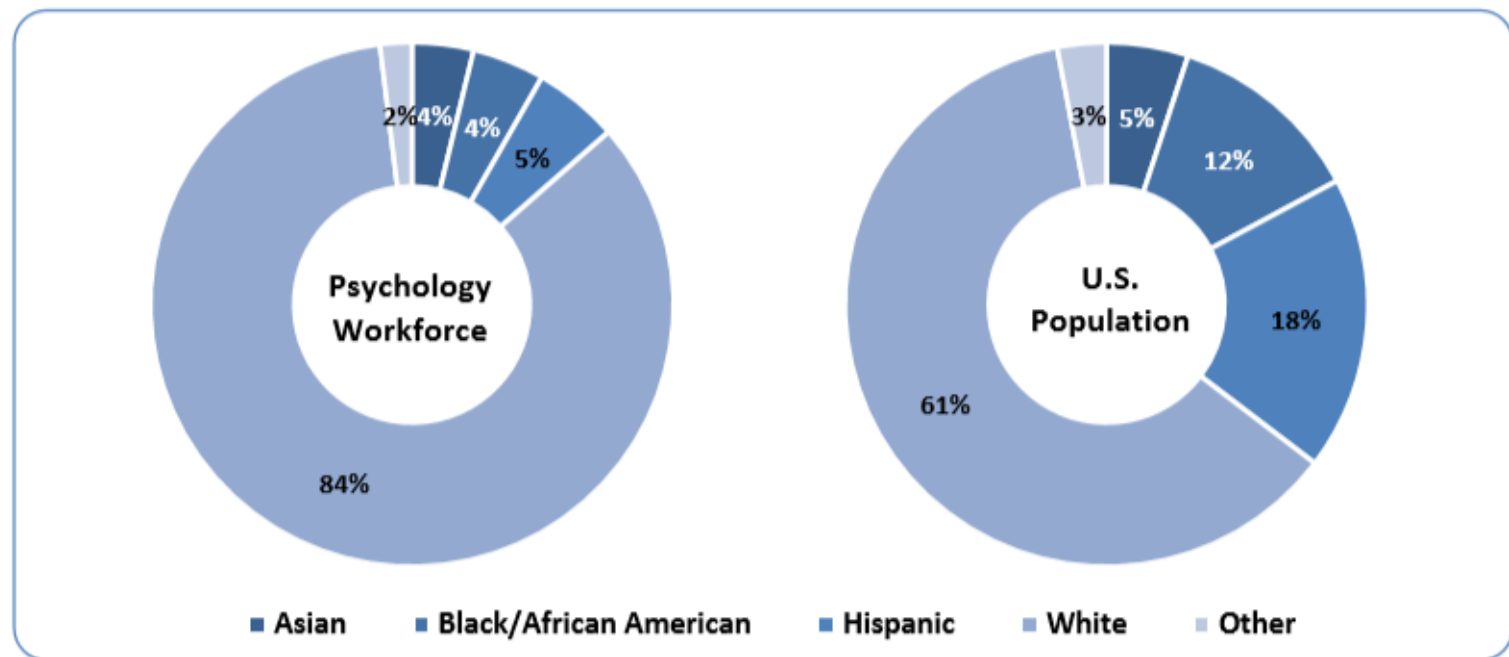
How are racial minorities represented today?

- In 2016, racial minorities were underrepresented in American psychology.
 - In 2010, 23% of American undergraduate psychology students were racial minorities, up from 13% in 1991.
 - In 2016, 16% of American psychologists were racial minorities, up from 9% in 2007.



How are racial minorities represented today?

Figure 8. Racial/Ethnic Composition of the Psychology Workforce and U.S. Population, 2016





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Is psychology unified?

- Today, the APA has 54 divisions!
 - Some experts call psychology an “intellectual zoo”.
- In addition, the scientist-practitioner split suggests researchers and practitioners have competing interests and value systems.

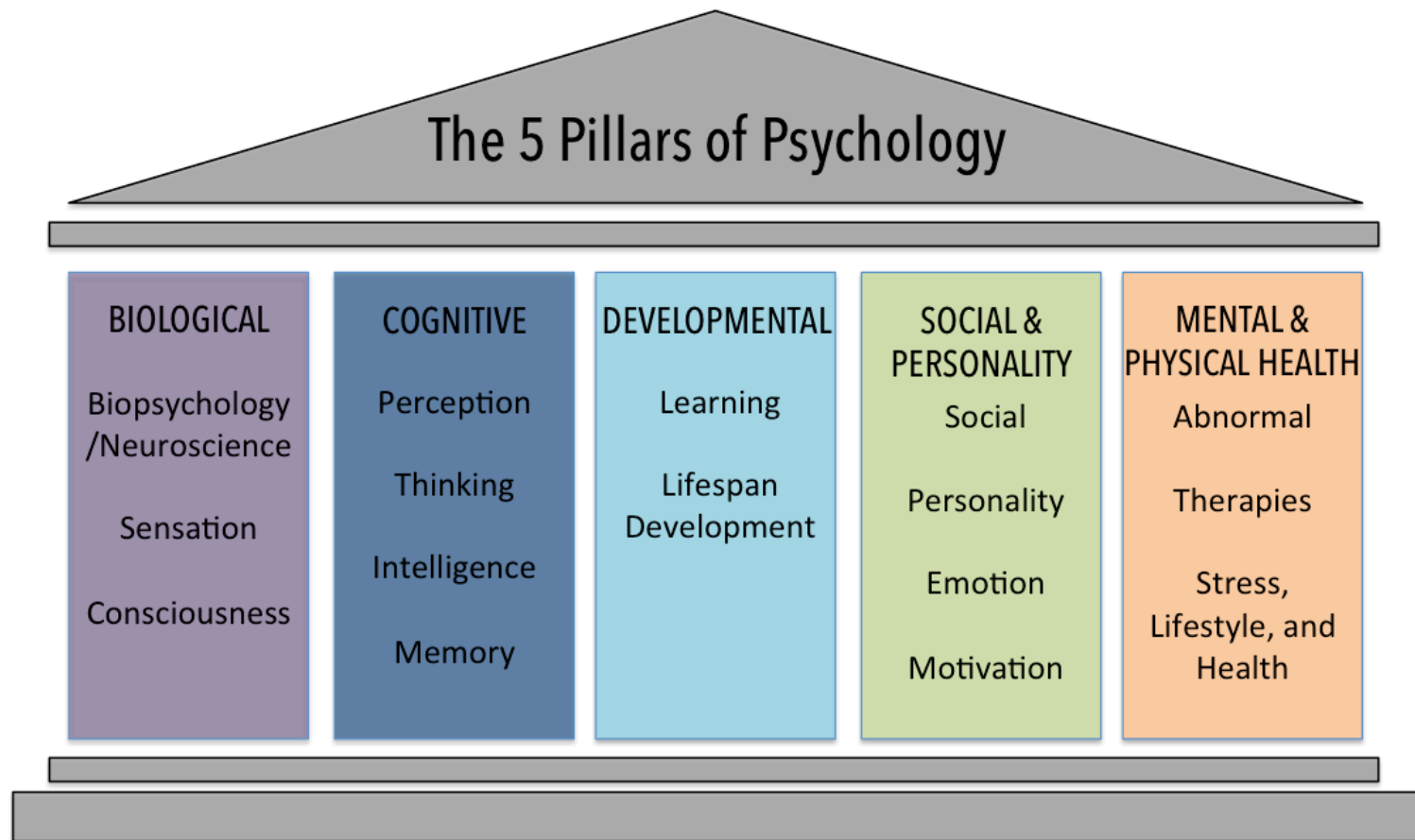





Are there multiple psychologies?

- Thus, some experts say psychology is not a single discipline but a *collection* of disciplines.
 - Each subdiscipline is unique.
 - The standard definition does not always fit the work.
 - Although most psychologists are trained in psychology departments, some work in other departments.
- Maybe “psychological studies” is more accurate?

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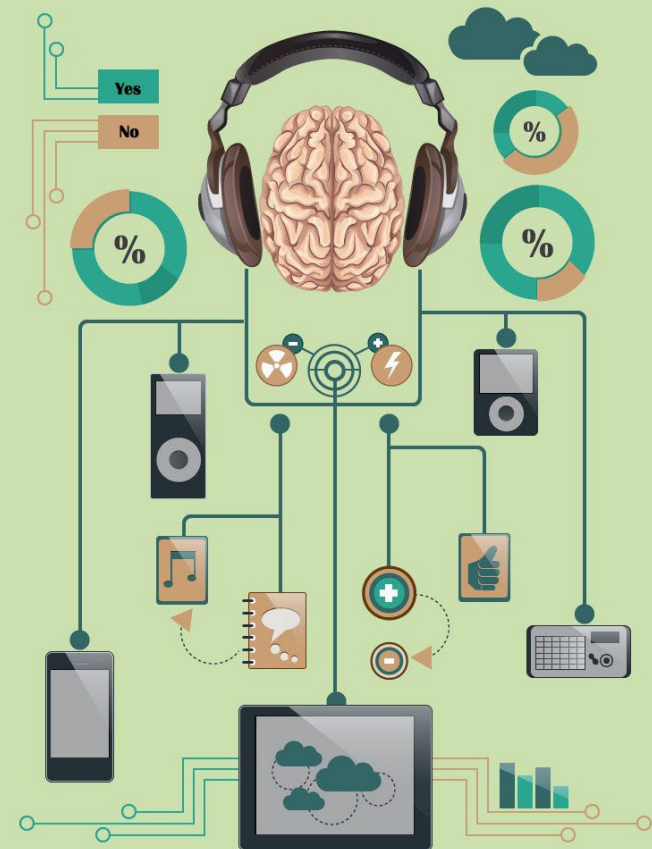




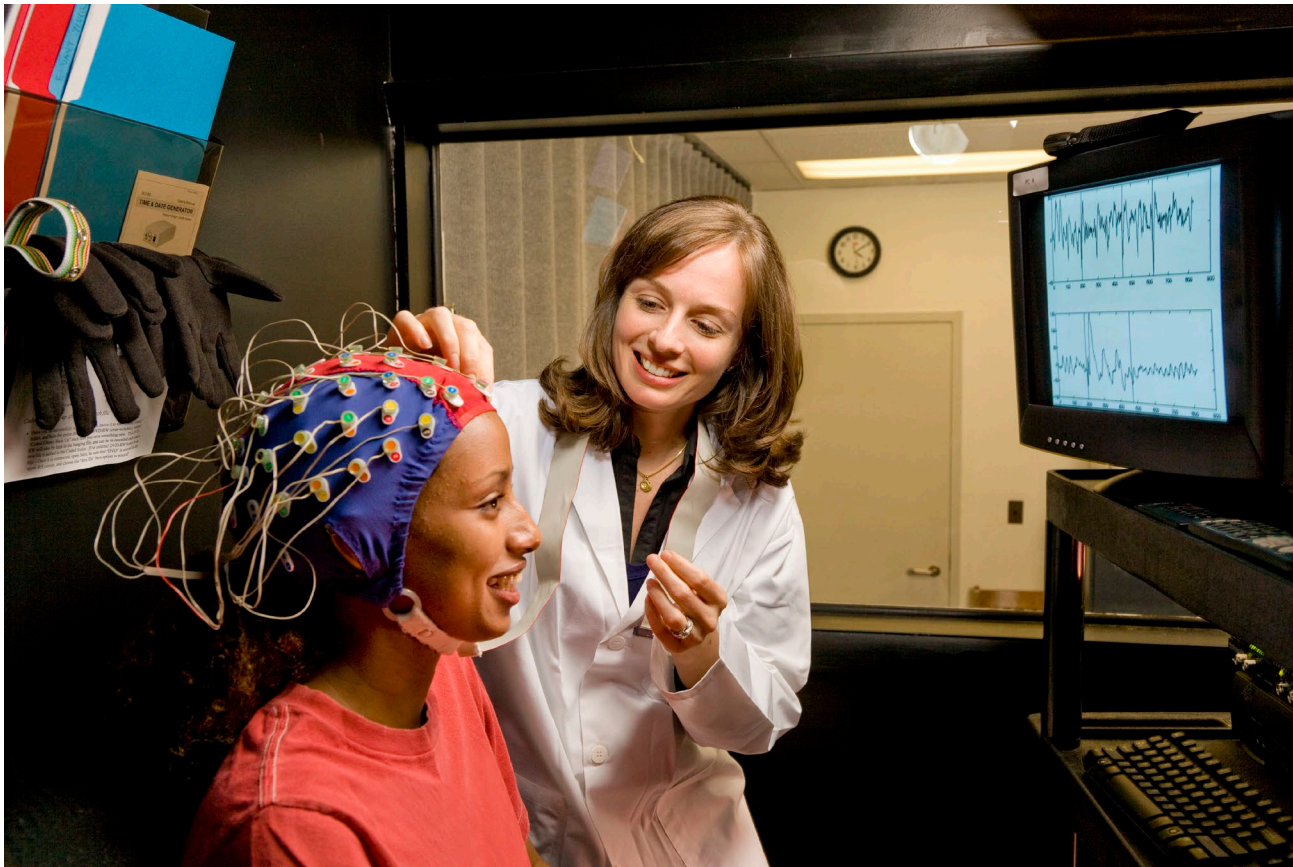
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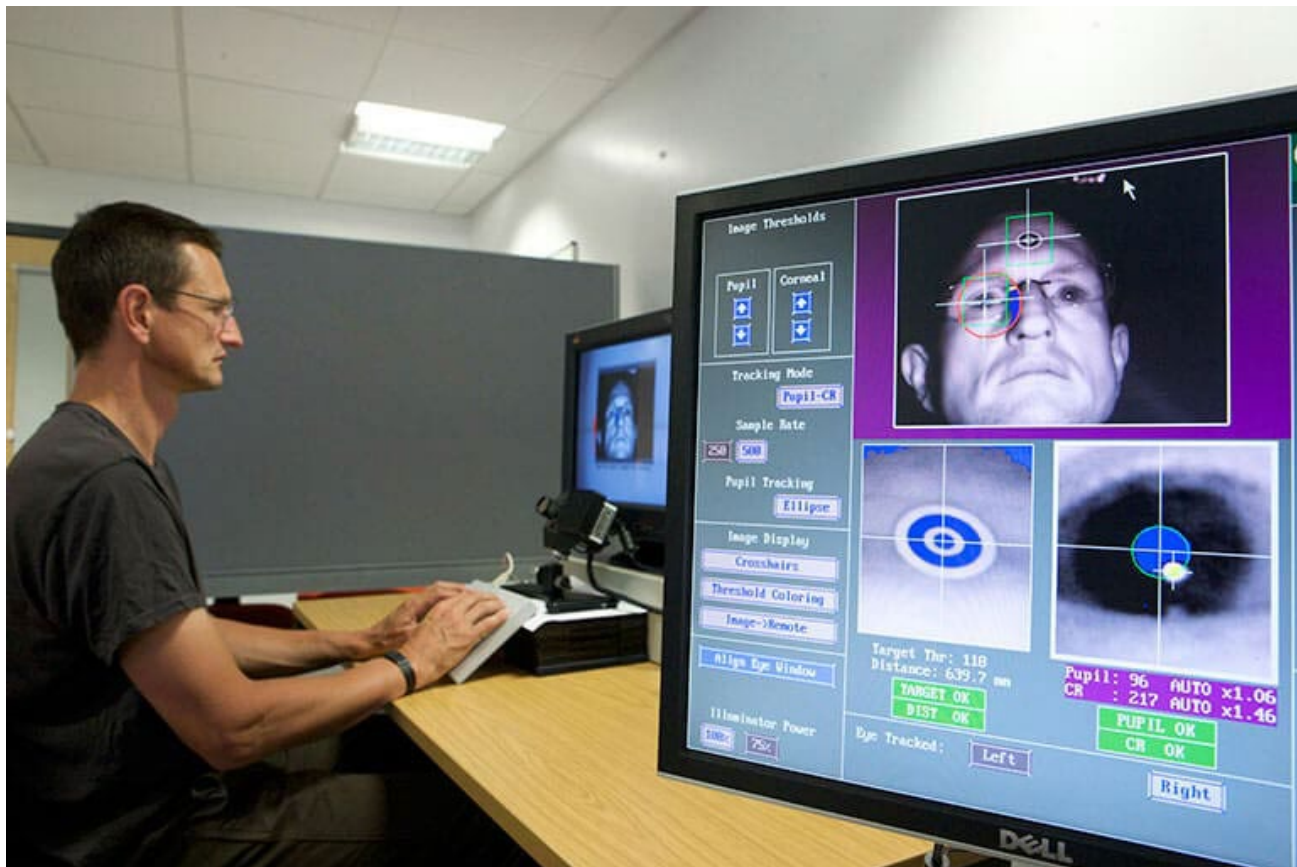
- In the **21st century**, psychologists are interested in:
 - The relationship between the brain and behavior.
 - Evolutionary thinking.
 - Technology.
 - Professionalizing applied psychology.



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What are today's trends?

- Both the APA and the APS predict continued growth in the future.
 - The APA's membership surpassed 100,000.
 - Psychology is one of the most popular college majors.
 - New graduate programs appear each year.
 - Applications to graduate school outnumber open spots.



PsyD PSYCHIATRIST

DUTIES

Identify disorder
Prescribe Medicine
Hospital affiliation

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
+ 4 more
yr residency
+ certification

SALARY

\$195,161yr



FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

DUTIES

Study crime
& criminal
behavior
Research
Court Liason

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
Masters (opt)
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$62,615yr



SCHOOL & CAREER COUNSELOR

DUTIES

Assist with
Career
Choice
Help with
Skill & Ed.
Development

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
Masters (opt)
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$11hr to
\$36hr



PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR

DUTIES

Multiple
Specialties
Involves
Teaching
and | or
Research

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
Masters (opt)
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$151,000yr



SOCIAL WORKER

DUTIES

Intervene
during abuse
or neglect
mental health
for kids
& family

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
Masters (opt)
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$44,125yr



MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

DUTIES

Conduct
mental health
assessments
& referrals
individual
or group

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
+ 2 yr Masters
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$40,114yr



PSYCHOLOGIST

DUTIES

Provide
Psychotherapy
Cannot
Prescribe
Hospital
Optional

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
+ 2 yr Masters
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$74,172yr



SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST

DUTIES

Teach mental
skills for
enhanced
sports
performance
&
consistency

EDUCATION

4 yr degree
+ 2 yr Masters
in clinical psych
Doctorate (opt)
+ state license
+ certification

SALARY

\$60,000 to
\$100,000yr