

Neglected by Assessment:

Industry versus Inferiority in the Competition for Scarce Kidneys

This research asks 3 questions:

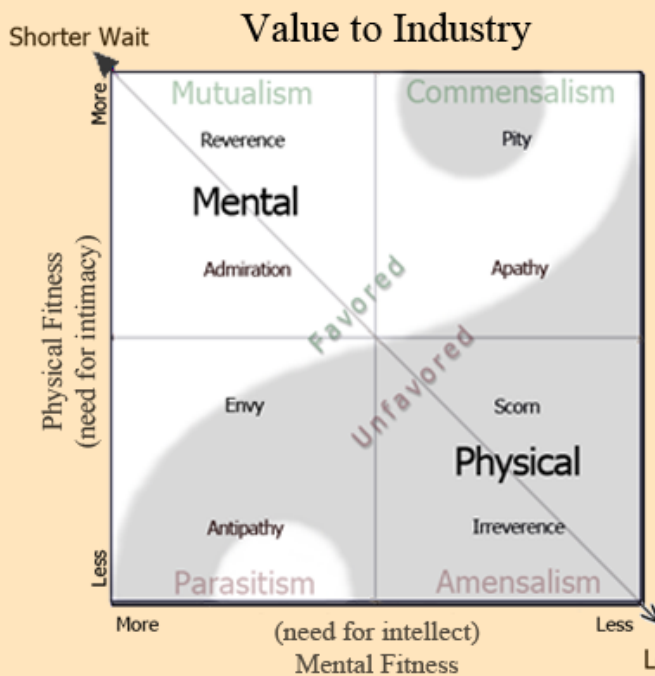


1. Does our physical age affect whether we are judged equally?
2. Does our mental age affect whether we are judged equally?
3. Do human kidneys have better odds than human candidates?

Doesn't the Universal Declaration of Human Rights apply to everybody?
(The United Nations, 1948, Article 1)

- Dr. Fiske's Stereotype Content Model of social prejudice can be extended to include:
 - A preference for commodities over individuals
 - A prejudice for mental survival over physical survival
 - That mental prejudice is an amensal attitude toward the biological world (irreverence for Life)
- Erik Erikson spoke of several key psychosocial crises our children have to live through:
 - Exhibit industry (or face a lifetime of inferiority and social poverty)
 - Procure intimacy (or face a lifetime of isolation and emotional penury)
- Maybe no human (too impaired or too old) should have to wait longer than the "fittest" for a transplant?
- Maybe all human lives are precious – no matter what the criteria say?

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Access to humanity

		Physical Age		
		Just Right	Too Young	Too Old
Mental Age	Just Right	short wait		long wait
	Kinda Slow			
	Too Slow	long wait		longest wait