

Go to the PARBs Anonymous website (<http://parbsanonymous.wordpress.com/>) to find the materials or information for this assignment (or you can try entering “Parbs Anonymous” in your search engine). This website is a blog about biases and how to reduce biases and interpersonal conflicts. (PARBs = Persons at Risk of Bias.)

The first three items pertain to two articles from Feb 12, 2014: “I’m a PARB and So Are You” and “The Big One: The Fundamental Attribution Error” (scroll down to the end to find these articles). Circle the letter of the *best* answer. (1 pt each)

1. Based on “I’m a PARB and So Are You,” are social psychology instructors at risk of committing biases?
 - a. yes
 - b. no, social psychology instructors’ risk is negligible because they teach about this material

2. Based on “The Big One,” what is the other name for the fundamental attribution error?
 - a. actor-observer bias
 - b. trait bias
 - c. correspondence bias
 - d. confirmation bias

3. Near the end of “The Big One,” an example was discussed for how we might think someone is happy if they smile. Although happiness is one possible reason for smiling, what was another possible reason mentioned?
 - a. because they are attracted to us
 - b. because they are daydreaming
 - c. because we smiled at them first
 - d. because they are hiding pain or displeasure

For each of the following four scenarios, there is a negative interpersonal outcome. In each blank, write the number of the **PARBs pledge** which, had it been considered in the scenario, might have prevented the negative outcome. The Pledges link is in the upper right corner of the website’s homepage. Choose from Pledges #2-6 (NOT #1). Full credit will be given for the *best* answer, so choose **ONLY ONE PLEDGE NUMBER** per scenario. (2 pts each)

___ 4. My significant other and I got into a fight yesterday. I supposedly didn’t do something I said I would, but I didn’t remember it that way. Each of us was certain that we remembered it correctly and that the other did not, and now we’re “taking a break” from each other. Crap.

___ 5. How arrogant some people are! This guy doesn’t even know me, and just because the instructor put us in a study group together, we have to email each other. Well, last night, after I sent him a draft of our report, he wrote back a nasty email telling me all the things that were wrong with my draft. I hate him.

___ 6. My brother is having a birthday party for his oldest daughter and invited me and my family to come. He said he would really like to see me there. But my brother didn’t come to my last party. My mom told me that my dad told her that my brother told him that the reason was because he thought my parties were boring and that there was never enough food. Nice. I’m definitely skipping my brother’s party.

___ 7. I called my friend last night and left a message to call me as soon as she got the message. Now it’s like a day later and she still hasn’t called. Why doesn’t she call me back? She’s a pretty bad friend in this regard. My other friend said wait and see what her reasons are before judging her harshly. Maybe she hasn’t even gotten the message yet, blah, blah, blah... I’m sick and tired of waiting. She’s a bad friend. (NOTE: You should assume that you will eventually hear from her and learn the reason for the delay, namely that she was in a car accident, for which she will provide physical evidence.)