

Conclusion

Some lawbreaking and antisocial behaviours are strictly of biological provenance, so they do not have a symbolic basis. However, even in such cases, individuals who thoughtlessly orient their social actions have a chance to change their attitudes with the help of certain people, so that they can obtain a different perspective, adopt proper definitions of the situation, activate the significance that will dramatically change their behaviour. A counsellor as a significant other is able to instil definitions of the situation in his/her clients, the ideas of how one can and should take social actions in accordance with social standards. The four methods described in the article in the field of interventions and social work are ways of creating personality and as such these are the methods that the application of SI and SAT helps us understand better.

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