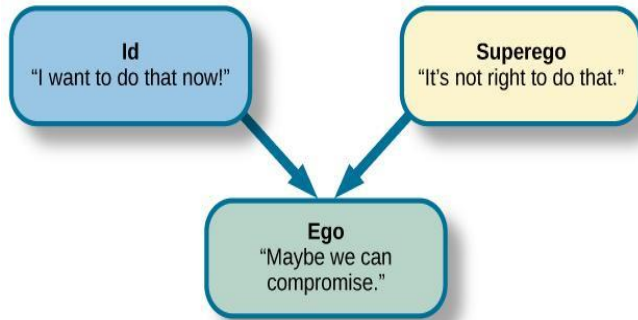


Critically Evaluate the Identified Lifespan Psychological Theory

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)

In the view of S. Freud, the structure of the psychic includes three instances:



The primary manifestation of personality is the Self, it is motor pole. The Self is, in fact, the receptacle of all drives, in general, and of the sexual drive, in particular.

From the beginnings, psychoanalysis was often subjected to severe criticism. Especially from the side of academic psychology, it was criticized that, he giving too much importance to the role of the sexual drives in psychic life (pansexualism).

This is explained, among other things, by the fact in his time, the function of endocrine system was enough known.

Clinical Significance by stage 3-6 years old (Andrea)

Period from 3 to 6 years old is the most important period for the psychophysiological development of the individual.

The essential to this stage is the child attraction to the parent of the opposite sex, as well as the fear towards the other parent. Freud called this the appeal Oedipus complex for men and the Electra complex for women.

These assemblages result in the normal division of male and female personalities.

The solution to the complexity involves the child's attempt to identify the same-sex parent, what identification outcomes results to his or her future sexual preference.

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