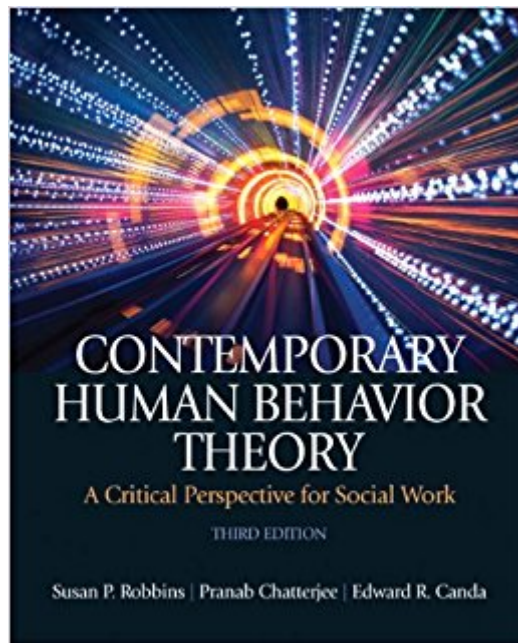


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# Contemporary Human Behavior Theory: A Critical Perspective For Social Work (3rd Edition)



## Synopsis

Contemporary Human Behavior Theory: A Critical Perspective for Social Work, 3e approaches HBSE from a comparative theory perspective, providing coverage of the most current and contemporary theories as well as traditional theories. It includes contemporary developments in traditional lifespan theory, theories of political economy, and a separate chapter on transpersonal theory. Each chapter includes coverage of the research that supports a particular theory, an analysis of the validity of that research, and a discussion of updated “Contemporary Issues.” The text encourages students to develop critical thinking skills in analyzing and comparing theories.

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As far as HBSE textbooks go, this one blends sociology and social work better than others. It also has a decent index, which is very important for any student (online quizzes, finding quotes for papers, etc). Where it falls a little short is in its inconsistent style. Too many authors (cooks) spoiled the broth? I don't know. That might not be the root problem. But I really felt like different chapters were written, and even laid out, in ways that didn't coalesce with the rest of the book. Maybe there's some sort of meta-poststructuralist meaning behind it, but if that's not it, I'd say it was just a mistake.

With each chapter being more than 30 pages long, this book is a difficult read. As a reader I expected it to be a bit more interesting.

Standard HBSE book: hard to follow and not very well organised.

This book is in horrible condition. I'm afraid to even use it. It looks like it may fall apart. The cover is barely hanging on and many of the pages have water damage.

Item received with heavy highlighting throughout. As far as the book, it was poorly executed as far as explaining theories. Please teachers, do not assign this book.

Extremely overpriced. The book does not look brand new, especially for the price.

To blabby, full of too many references. Nonsense psycho-socio bable with no real examples to demonstrate the concepts the authors are trying to explain. This book is a perfect example of APA bloat and the need for professors to publish. 3rd edition??!! Who needs it. This text represents the worst of "Banking Education" ala Freire.

Great book! Comes in handy for all social work classes

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