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## PREFACE

This study is concerned with conditioning of three types of self-disclosure, feedback, and two types of empathy statements in four member groups. The objective of the present study was to determine the effects of conditioning these affective verbalizations on group cohesiveness, empathy, tendency to self-disclose, and fourteen person perception variables.

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## CHAPTER I

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### Introduction

The most important question to be asked about group psychotherapy is "What elements in the process produce constructive personality change in clients?" It seems clear that a complete answer of this question must take into account the most obvious aspect of the group phenomenon, the verbal exchange among group participants. To date, at least three kinds of statements have been suggested to be of therapeutic importance in the psychological literature. These are self-disclosure, interpersonal feedback, and empathic expression.

Self-disclosure is a type of statement that seems to be of great therapeutic value in the group setting. When a person discloses himself to another group member it may have several significant effects. First, the person who disclosed has taken an important interpersonal risk. The individual has clearly indicated a willingness to take this risk in the context of the relationship with the other person. This, of course, is an indication of trust in the other person. It is impossible to communicate trust in another more clearly than to disclose significant affect laden information to the other. A second significant effect of self-disclosure is that it may greatly aid a person's interpersonal relations since others can truly know him/her. It is impossible to relate effectively to another person if you know nothing

of importance about him/her. The best source of important information about a person is that person. Thus, a prerequisite to an effective interpersonal relationship is self-disclosure among the parties of that relationship. A third effect of self-disclosure is that persons who disclose are likely to know themselves better. Persons may have vague feelings about their past actions, beliefs, or other aspects of self which come clearly into focus when they are expressed to another. This is the case since self-disclosure requires a successful effort at clear contact with the aspect of self to be verbalized. People can't verbally communicate something about themselves to others if they don't have communion with that aspect of self.

Interpersonal feedback, telling others how you see them, is also a type of statement that seems to have therapeutic value in the group setting. This type of statement appears to have at least two beneficial effects. First, when group members give another member feedback, they are communicating to the other that they care enough about the relationship to discuss it. Even when the feedback given is a negative evaluation, it still communicates that the relationship is important and of at least enough value to merit feedback. Thus, interpersonal feedback communicates a concern about an important interpersonal relationship. Secondly, interpersonal feedback helps to define a relationship as one in which important aspects are not hidden or overlooked. Instead, feedback communicates an openness and a willingness to deal with the negative aspects of the relationship and also to discuss the positive aspects. Thus, feedback can be the basis of an open relationship.

Empathic expression is the final type of therapeutic statement to

be discussed here. Empathic expression is a verbal attempt to understand the feelings of another. In the group setting, this type of statement has essentially two beneficial effects. Empathic expression clearly and effectively demonstrates caring for and understanding of another. Perhaps the most important thing that people can give others is their empathic understanding. Empathic understanding requires a great deal of effort expended only for the purpose of knowing another. Thus, when a group member uses an empathic expression it creates a feeling of being cared for and of being understood in the target of the empathic statement.

In self-disclosure, interpersonal feedback, and empathic expression we find three types of seemingly therapeutic statements each playing a possible role in group psychotherapy. However, the relative efficacy of these statements in achieving therapeutic gains is not known. Understanding of the relative efficacy of these three important types of statements could greatly enhance the efficiency of group psychotherapy. Such understanding would also, in part, answer the important question delineated above.

The present study is an attempt to determine the relative efficacy of three levels of self-disclosure, one type of interpersonal feedback, and one type of empathic expression in fostering group cohesiveness, group enjoyment, and group meaning by utilization of an operant group method to be discussed later in this chapter. In addition, the effect of these types of statements on person perception, tendency to self-disclose, and empathy will also be examined. Research pertinent to the major factors used in the present study is found below,

## Self-disclosure

Perhaps the most notable of those who write about the importance of self-disclosure is Sidney Jourard. Jourard defines self-disclosure as "talking about oneself to another person" (Jourard, 1964, p. 19) or as the process of making the self known to other persons (Jourard and Lasakow, 1958). Self-disclosure is the most important mode of interpersonal interaction, according to Jourard. Self-disclosure is not only a therapeutic factor in the treatment of psychopathology, but lack of disclosure is the prime etiological mechanism. All psychopathology is due to a lack of self-disclosure since a person who fails to disclose to some optimal degree fails to truly know him/herself (Jourard, 1964). Jourard (1958) also indicated that self-disclosure is also a symptom of mental health.

Despite the importance of self-disclosure, disclosing behavior is very rare in most relationships. Jourard (1964) indicated that people play social roles in so many of their transactions that there are almost no real person to person transactions. The reason that there are so few self-disclosures according to Jourard is that non-disclosure is a rule broken only "when we experience it is safe to be known and when we believe that vital values will be gained if we are known in our authentic being or lost if we are not" (Jourard, 1967, p. 28).

Other writers agree that disclosure is a rarity. Laing (1967) indicated that people present an edited version of the self in most transactions. Similarly, Pearce and Sharp (1973) indicated that very little disclosure occurs in most communication. Thus, it seems that in self-disclosure we have a very important but very rare phenomenon.

Before I discuss some of the important research findings concerning self-disclosure I will consider some of the many ways in which the concept of self-disclosure has been analyzed into smaller components for the purpose of more rigorous study. The most used analysis of self-disclosure has been based on the intimacy of the material disclosed (Edelman and Snead, 1972; Charkin and Derlega, 1974; Taylor, 1968; Ellison and Firestone, 1974; Jourard and Resnick, 1970; Vondracek and Marshall, 1971; Fitzgerald, 1963; Ribner, 1974). Perhaps the second most utilized scheme for analyzing self-disclosure is one using different categories of content (Chittick and Himelstein, 1967; Himelstein and Kimbrough, 1963; Pederson and Breglio, 1968; Jourard and Lasakow, 1958). Another way in which self-disclosure has been analyzed was developed by Lazarus (1969). This author used the conceptual scheme of five concentric circles where the innermost circle represented the aspects of self that were disclosed to no one; the next larger circle represented the aspects of self that were disclosed only to very intimate friends; the third largest circle represented aspects of self that were disclosed to several good friends; the fourth largest circle represented aspects of self that were disclosed to acquaintances; and the largest circle represented a person's superficial contact with the world at large. This scheme is closely related to the intimacy dimension mentioned above.

The analytic scheme to be used in the present study is closely related to all three analytic schemes mentioned above. On the face of it, a content analytic scheme is used. Three categories of content, non-affective or demographic disclosure, externally referred affective disclosure, and self-referred affective disclosure, are used. These categories of content appear to be strongly related to the intimacy

dimension. It would seem that nonaffective or demographic disclosure is least intimate while self-referred affective disclosure is the most intimate.

It is well now to consider some of the important research findings concerning disclosure. Adesso, et al. (1974) studied disclosure in growth groups and discussion groups composed of college students. Results showed that after five two hour sessions, positive affective self-disclosure was greater in the growth groups than in the discussion groups. No significant difference in negative affective self-disclosure was apparent between the two types of groups after the five sessions. This study shows that growth groups cause an increase in positive self-disclosure but don't significantly affect negative disclosure. This result is meaningful since it indicates that growth groups indeed affect self-disclosing behavior. This may be a key in looking for the effective aspects of this particular type of group.

In another study (Cravens, 1975) college females were divided into those with a high need for social approval and those with a low need for social approval. The disclosure of these subjects was observed in interviews with the experimenter in two types of situations. In one situation, the subject was told that the interview data would be used in a textbook. This situation was devised to make the subjects believe their statements were open to the public. In a second situation, subjects were told their statements were private and that there would be complete confidentiality. Results showed that low social approval subjects exhibited more instances of self-disclosing in the private condition than in the public condition. Just the opposite was found for the high social approval subjects. These results indicate that social

approval and level of confidentiality are important factors in determining self-disclosing behavior. It is especially pertinent to psychotherapy groups which usually adhere to the rule of strict confidentiality. If self-disclosure is truly therapeutic, low social approval clients will be helped by the confidentiality rule. High social approval clients may not be too greatly hindered in self-disclosure by the confidentiality rule due to the social context provided by the group.

Several studies have found sex differences in disclosing behavior. Jourard and Lasakow (1958) found that female undergraduates were consistently higher self-disclosers than were males. Jourard (1971) also found his female subjects consistently more self-disclosing than men. A recent study (Kraft and Vraa, 1975) found that high school females disclosed more than high school males. These findings are attributed by Jourard (1964) to the lethal aspects of the male role that are extremely repressive and restrictive of the male self and thus cause a marked lack of self-disclosing behavior.

Chelune (1975) also studied sex differences in self-disclosing behavior. This investigator looked at disclosure in repressors and sensitizers of both sexes. No significant difference was found between the sexes in the repressor group. However, male sensitizers proved to be lower disclosers than female sensitizers. Chelune explained his results as being due to differences between the sex roles. Females learn to gain control over noxious stimulation or threat of it by disclosing fully to elicit help from others. Males, of course, are unable to take this approach since the male role has no room for this type of extreme dependency. Males, then, must protect themselves from noxious

stimulation or interpersonal threat by controlling disclosure to maintain a safe interpersonal distance.

Although sex differences have been found by some investigators, others have failed to find them. For example, Zief (1962) and Rickers-Ovsiankina and Kusmin (1958) both failed to find any significant difference between males and females in amount of self-disclosing behavior. These findings raise questions about the validity of Jourard's (1964) analysis of the differences between the male and the female roles.

Perhaps the best documented finding concerning self-disclosure is its property of reciprocity. Self-disclosure by an individual to a second party is usually accompanied by a reciprocal disclosure from the second party to the first (Jourard and Landsman, 1960; Jourard and Resnick, 1970; Jourard and Jaffee, 1970; Ehrlich and Graeven, 1971; Levinger and Senn, 1967; Cozby, 1972; Derlega, Walmer, and Furman, 1973). This property of reciprocity suggests that self-disclosure, once started, may have a "snow-balling" effect such that its frequency increases rapidly after the first disclosure. In an attempt to explain the snow-balling effect seen with self-disclosing behavior, Higbee (1973) applied the well documented risky shift concept to self-disclosure. In the risky shift, people are seen as valuing risk. When a person is informed that others are as risky or more so than he/she is, he/she tends to adopt a greater level of this valued attribute. Thus, groups adopt riskier solutions to problems than the average individual in that group would have if he/she were left alone. It would seem then that this phenomenon might generalize to self-disclosure which might be thought of as interpersonal risk. Higbee found evidence that self-disclosure was indeed a valued thing. His subjects, on the average,



rated themselves as more disclosing than their peers. Higbee also found that his subjects increased their willingness to disclose when they received information that others were of equal or greater willingness to disclose. Thus, it is possible that the reciprocity effects seen in self-disclosure may be due to the fact that the first instance of disclosure to others shows others that the discloser is high on this valued trait. If the other's want to be seen as high on this trait they must disclose themselves. In this way the snowballing effect is started and perpetuated.

Although the literature supports the concept of reciprocity in general, not all disclosures are equally effective in producing the effect. Three recent studies have dealt with this problem. Simonson (1976) used a psychotherapy analogue with female college students to study the effect of therapist disclosure on subsequent client disclosure. Three levels of therapist disclosure were explored. In one condition, the therapist disclosed demographic information. In another, the therapist disclosed personal information. In the third condition, there was no therapist disclosure. Results indicated that demographic disclosure was superior in producing subsequent subject disclosure when compared with the other two conditions. It is true that some disclosure is necessary for the reciprocity effect to occur. This accounts for the superiority of demographic disclosure over no disclosure. Perhaps the most important finding, however, is that demographic disclosure produced greater reciprocity than personal disclosure. This may be due to subjects perceiving personal disclosure as being inappropriately intimate. Two other studies are related to this finding. Banikiotes and Daher (1974) and Daher and Banikiotes (1974) concluded that the amount of

interpersonal attraction to another was positively related to the level of self-disclosure to that other. A second major finding of these studies was that individuals are more attracted to persons who are similar to them in both the content and the level of self-disclosure than those who are dissimilar. The direct implication of these findings is that disclosures must be of appropriate content and frequency for any snow-balling effect to occur. This is consistent with the interpretation of demographic disclosure producing more reciprocity than personal disclosure used above. Disclosures that are too personal, not personal enough, irrelevant to others, too frequent, or not frequent enough will limit any reciprocity tendency. In light of these findings it is likely that in the Simonson study, the personal disclosure was not similar enough to the subject's intended disclosure while demographic disclosure was. Thus, reciprocity was hindered in the personal condition but enhanced in the demographic condition. In the no disclosure condition, no reciprocity effects were possible.

Besides findings concerning sex differences and reciprocity, other generalities concerning self-disclosure may be found in the literature. For example, Pearce and Sharp (1973) list four such generalities that may be justified on the basis of their extensive literature review. These generalities are as follows: self-disclosure occurs incrementally as a relationship stabilizes; self-disclosure occurs in the context of positive social relationships; self-disclosure in a dyad is usually symmetrical; and few communications involve self-disclosure.

#### Interpersonal Feedback

The second of the important therapeutic statements, interpersonal feedback, has been defined by Ruesch and Kees (1959). These authors

assert that feedback refers to the process of correction through incorporation of information concerning effects. When a person perceives the results produced by his own actions, the information so derived influences subsequent action. Thus, feedback information is a steering device upon which learning and the correction of misunderstandings are based. The importance of interpersonal feedback in group settings has been affirmed by Cambell and Dunnette (1968). These investigators stated that feedback was perhaps the most important aspect of the T-group technology. Psychologists studying groups are not the only people that assert that interpersonal feedback is important. Group members also acknowledge the significance of feedback. This finding was reported by Lieberman, Yalom, and Miles (1973) in an extensive study of encounter groups. Subjects in this study ranked feedback, the process of receiving information about oneself from others, as the most important factor promoting change in their group. The authors analyzed this result more closely by looking at the outcome variable. They separated the group participants in their study into three outcome categories (negative outcome, unchanged, and positive outcome). The result of this categorization was the finding that significantly more unchanged and negative outcome subjects indicated that feedback producing a cognitive change was important for them than did the group that improved. Also, more negative outcome subjects indicated that feedback involving a negative feeling response was important to them than did either of the other categories. When these results are taken together it seems highly plausible that negative affective feedback may produce negative outcomes. It is interesting to note that positive feeling responses were not indicated to be of importance more frequently in the positive outcome

category. Thus, it is clear that although feedback is an important interpersonal process it can have negative effects and that these negative effects are especially likely when feedback involves a negative feeling response.

Yalom (1970) also discussed the possible effects of feedback in group psychotherapy. This author, however, dealt mainly with positive or growth effects that might be related to feedback. For example, Yalom indicated that feedback facilitates interpersonal learning and therapeutic change. It also enables people to restructure their self-image and helps them to see the universality of their problems. Feedback helps people challenge previously cherished beliefs about themselves and to experiment with new modes of behavior. Positive feedback especially encourages group members to take risks and change. Yalom also reported that feedback occurring in the context of ongoing here and now interactions is the most effective and important type of feedback.

Watson (1969) also found many positive results of feedback behavior. On the basis of his extensive review of the literature, this author listed seven positive effects that may result from the use of feedback; first, feedback is related to increased awareness of self in interaction with others; secondly, feedback increases the accuracy of perception of the feelings and overt behavior of others; thirdly, feedback increases openness in interpersonal relations; fourth, feedback increases acceptance of differences in others; fifth, feedback decreases extreme interpersonal need in the areas of control, inclusion, and affection; sixth, feedback increases understanding of group behavior; and lastly, feedback increases self-confidence in interpersonal interaction.

Another author who has taken an extensive look at interpersonal feedback is Dyer (1972). Dyer defined interpersonal feedback as a process of information sharing in which a person receives information from others about his/her behavioral performance. This information sharing process can be divided into two components. The first component that is present in most instances of feedback is a description of what behavior a person sees in another. This is strictly an informational component. The second component of feedback, which may or may not be present, is the communication of how a person feels about the behavior he sees in another. In his analysis of the feedback concept, Dyer delineates eight specific types. First is objective-descriptive feedback which consists entirely of a description of the behavior of another with no feeling component. This type of feedback simply gives the receiver a mirror image of himself. A second type of feedback is assumed or guessed impact. Here, person A tells person B what impact he thinks B's behavior has had on person C. This is related to a third type of feedback called second party report of impact. In this type, person A tells person B that person C told A what impact B's behavior had on C. A fourth type of feedback, direct descriptive impact, consists of person A telling person B what B's behavior is like and what feelings A has about it. Dyer indicated that direct descriptive impact was the most important and most effective form of feedback. Direct evaluation is a fifth feedback type that occurs when person B's behavior has an impact on person A and A tells B only what his/her feelings are but not which of B's behaviors he/she is reacting to. Dyer's sixth type of feedback is called direct expressive and like direct evaluative, is composed entirely of the feeling component. Here person A expresses

a feeling he/she has toward person B but he/she does not react to a particular behavior in B but rather to B's total being. The seventh type of feedback is called interpretation where person A tells person B what his/her actions mean. The last type discussed by Dyer is nonverbal feedback where person B receives information about his behavior by watching person A's nonverbal reactions to his/her behavior. Dyer indicated that these forms of feedback can be used by people to make appropriate behavioral and perceptual changes and to improve relationships. Dyer also indicated that feedback can be used to hurt or punish people. Thus, it is probable that the results of feedback are not always positive.

Thibault and Coules (1952) report a study that definitely indicated that not all feedback produces positive results. These investigators paid a stooge to communicate hostile feedback to their subjects. The stooge called the subject a liar, deceitful, and egotistical. Finally, the stooge stated that the subject wasn't the kind of person that the stooge would care to associate with. It must be mentioned here that the use of the term feedback in this study is questionable since feedback is usually reserved for instances where the "feedback" statement is dependent on actions. Half of the subjects in this experiment were allowed to respond to this instigation and half were not. Those that were not showed heightened hostility toward the stooge when compared with those that were allowed to respond. Thus, hostile negative instigation can produce hostility and if the person receiving the hostile instigation is able to give his own feedback the hostility is not as strong. This suggests that hostile feedback may create hostility and that feedback may not always have positive results.

Jacobs, Jacobs, Gatz, and Schiable (1973) examined the credibility of positive and negative feedback. This study resulted in what the authors termed the credibility gap. This term refers to the fact that the subjects in this experiment rated positive feedback as being much more credible than negative feedback. Jacobs, Jacobs, Feldman, and Cavior (1973) studied the credibility gap in groups. Three types of feedback were delineated. These three were closely related to the components of feedback discussed by Dyer (1972). The first type of feedback was termed behavioral. This type dealt entirely with a description of overt behavior. A second type of feedback was termed emotional and dealt entirely with a description of the emotions a person's behavior creates in one. The third type of feedback was a mixture of the first two. By using this categorization the study attempted to further analyze the credibility gap. Results indicated that positive feedback was not only more credible but also more desirable and more meaningful in terms of impact than negative feedback. In addition, negative feedback that is behavioral is more credible than negative emotional feedback. Group cohesion was also related to these feedback types. Negative feedback resulted in less cohesion than positive feedback. Also, behavioral/emotional feedback created less cohesion than did behavioral or emotional feedback. Lastly, this study found that behavioral feedback was most effective for promoting change.

Several studies have looked specifically at the effectiveness of feedback for promoting change. The results of Stoller (1968) indicated that behavioral feedback that is discrepant from one's self-image is effective in promoting change. A study by Bach (1969) resulted in the finding that feedback is of highest effectiveness when it is maximally

informative and minimally evaluative. Thus, these two studies and Jacobs, Jacobs, Feldman, and Cavior (1973) each conclude that behavioral rather than emotional feedback is most effective.

#### Empathic Expression

The third type of therapeutic statement to be dealt with in this paper is empathic expression. A definition of empathy is offered by Truax and Carkhuff (1967). These authors indicated that empathy involves the sensitivity to current feelings of others and the verbal facility to communicate this sensitivity. This definition is illustrative of the way in which most psychologists think about the concept. Empathy, then, is an understanding of the feelings of another. A definitional study was done by Greif and Hogan (1973). These authors used the factor analytic method to derive three definitional components of empathy; tolerance or even-temperedness, sociable interpersonal style, and humanistic sociopolitical attitudes.

Several articles have asserted the importance of empathy for everyday living (Greif and Hogan, 1973; Aspy, 1970; Goodman and Ofshe, 1968). In fact, one study (Borke, 1971) indicated that empathy is an important interpersonal developmental task that is accomplished by children as young as three years old. Thus, our empathic ability importantly influences our interpersonal functioning throughout most of our life.

Many studies have dealt with the attributes of high empathic versus low empathic subjects. For example, Mehrabian and Epstein (1972) found that high empathy subjects were less likely to engage in aggressive behavior than were low empathy subjects. High empathy subjects in this study were also more likely to engage in helping behavior than their



less empathic counterparts. Pierce and Zark (1972) indicated that high empathy subjects had significantly better interpersonal effectiveness than did subjects with low empathic ability. Also, the high empathy subjects in this study attended to the feelings of others much more than low empathy subjects. Schoen (1970) also looked at differences between high empathy and low empathy subjects and found that high empathy subjects are much better in predicting the behavior of others. Thus, the results of Mehrabian and Epstein (1972), Pierce and Zark (1972) and Schoen (1970) clearly assert that empathy is related to a constellation of adaptive interpersonal skills. In a study of interpersonal attraction, Phares and Wilson (1971) indicated that high empathy subjects were attracted to other high empathy subjects while low empathy subjects were attracted to other low empathy subjects. This may be due to subjects feeling more comfortable with people of comparable interpersonal skills. A study by Vespiani (1969) concerning empathy and the depression and psychasthenia scales of the M.M.P.I. resulted in the finding that high empathy subjects were likely to have lower scores on each of these scales when compared to low empathy subjects. Thus, low empathy has been shown to be related to two measures of psychopathology while high empathy is related to a relative absence of these traits.

Empathy has long been considered to have great importance in psychotherapy. This idea was most strongly promoted by Carl Rogers (1957) who indicated that empathy was a necessary condition for therapeutic improvement. Rogers also affirmed that when empathy was coupled with what he called warmth and genuineness in therapy, sufficient conditions for therapeutic change were present. Thus, all that is needed to insure

therapeutic change is empathy, warmth, and genuineness. Several studies related to this idea that empathy is related to positive therapeutic outcome have been done. Truax, Wittner, and Wargo (1971), Truax (1970), Mullen and Abeles (1971), and Shapiro (1969) all agree that their data are indicative of the relationship between high empathy and positive therapeutic outcome. Mullen and Abeles (1971) also found that more experienced therapists were more empathic than were less experienced therapists.

The relationship between empathy and therapeutic outcome is not entirely clear, however. Some investigators have failed to find the relationship reported above. For example, Garfield and Bergin (1971) found no relation between outcome and empathy.

Finally, in my consideration of empathy it is well to include the work of Smith (1973) since his work is divergent from the mainstream. As was indicated above, most of those who study empathy think of the concept as the ability to understand the feelings of another. Smith, however, rejects this definition. He defines empathy as the degree of similarity that persons assume exists between themselves and another person. To achieve empathic accuracy persons must learn the ways in which they are unlike another. To do this they must receive feedback concerning the accuracy of their assumptions of similarity. Empathy, assumed similarity, is the basis of understanding another but it is also the basis of misunderstanding. In sensitivity training, Smith does not want to establish more empathy, assumed similarity, but rather wants to improve the trainee's ability to predict the feelings, thoughts, and behavior of other people. In order to do this trainees must be sensitive to differences between individuals and themselves. This

precludes the automatic assumption of similarity since the trainee must consider the important ways in which each of us differ to be truly sensitive.

Smith has indicated that highly empathic persons see themselves as conservative, conforming, religious, emotional but inhibited, gregarious but quiet and acquiescent, and practical. They empathize because they want to see similarities between themselves and others in order to feel close to others. Smith indicated that empathy creates goodness. The more similarities we see between others and ourselves, the better we tend to perceive them to be. Not only does empathy cause the perception of goodness in others, it also causes us to look at and listen to others. When someone is seen as like us we attend to them. If someone is perceived as unlike us, we fail to give them attention.

#### Person Perception

The next major area of literature to be reviewed concerns the perceptual process related to interpersonal functioning. The concept of person perception concerns the way in which we "read" each other in our interpersonal interactions. It would seem possible that one way in which group therapy has effectiveness in changing clients' personalities is in changing their person perceptual processes. This is precisely what Smith (1973) attempts to do in sensitivity training.

The concept of person perception may be split into six basic types. The first type of person perception and perhaps the most basic is the perception of self. The second type of person perception is the perception of another. The third type of person perception is the perception of a third party. Each of these types of person perceptions are

truly perceptions in the sense that they have a referent in the perceptual field. The last three types of person perception might better be called metaperceptions since they are really perceptions of the first three types of person perceptions. Specifically, the fourth type of person perception is one's perception of how other persons see one. The fifth type of person perception to be considered is one's perception of how other persons see themselves. The final type of person perception is perception of how other's see third parties. To further clarify this analytic scheme and the terminology used in the present study see Table I.

TABLE I

ANALYTIC SCHEME FOR PERSON PERCEPTION  
AND THE TERMINOLOGY USED TO SPECIFY  
VERBALIZATIONS OF SUCH PERCEPTIONS

	Perception	Metaperception
First Person	Self-disclosure	Self-empathy
Second Person	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Other Empathy
Third Person	Impersonal Disclosure	Impersonal Empathy

The first area of literature to be reviewed here concerns the first type of person perception, how a person sees himself. Several determinants of self-perception have been delineated in the literature. One of the most studied determinants of a person's self-concept is others'

perceptions of him/her. Backman, Secord, and Peirce (1963) studied the resistance to change of aspects of a person's self-concept as a function of the consensus among significant others concerning those aspects of self. Subjects in this study were required to choose an aspect of themselves that they believed their significant others generally attributed to them. They were also required to choose an aspect of themselves that they believed significant others did not generally attribute to them. After these aspects were chosen, the investigators presented the subjects with a false personality assessment that denied the subject's possession of both of the traits the subjects had chosen. In this way, strong pressure was exerted on the subjects to change their self-conception. Results showed that subjects changed their conception of self in regard to the low consensus trait significantly more than in regard to the high consensus trait. Thus it is much more difficult to change aspects of one's self that one believes to be generally evident to others than it is to change what one believes are less evident traits. This clearly shows that a type of metaperception, one's perception of how others see one, is influential in determining perception of self.

Another study relevant to the effect of other's perception of a person on that person's self-perception was done by Janis (1955). This author, similar to Backman, Secord, and Peirce, found that one's self-perceptions were markedly influenced by others' perceptions. However, Janis found that self-perceptions did not influence others' perceptions of one. These results indicate the tendency to alter one's self-perception to be congruent with other's perception of one's self. However, people do not show the tendency to make the perception of others congruent to the other's self-perceptions.

Hass and Maehr (1965) studied the effects of another's perception of one and one's self-perception. These investigators concluded that not only were other's reactions of extreme importance to their subjects' self-conceptions, but the consistency of these reactions was important also. Experimentally induced changes in self-ratings were found to be long lived on a six week follow up after only one exposure to another's discrepant reaction. The authors found even stronger and longer lived effects when their subjects were exposed to another's reaction two times. Thus, it is clear that consistent reactions by others have a large effect on one's self-perception.

The studies done by Backman, Secord, and Peirce (1963), Janis (1965), and Hass and Maehr (1965) all clearly indicate that the perception of one's self is greatly influenced by what one perceives others to see in one. One's self-image surely has the tendency to be largely congruent with others' perceptions of one's self.

Another study that bears on the effect others can have on one's self-perception was completed by Gergen and Wishov (1965). This investigation does not deal specifically with the effect of another's perception of a person but rather with the characteristics of the other. Subjects in this study were told they would interact with either a self-enhancing person, a self-derogative person, or a person of average self-evaluation. Subjects then completed a self-rating. Results showed that subject self-perceptions emphasized positive aspects of self if they were going to interact with a self-enhancing person. Negative aspects of self were emphasized when the subject thought he/she would interact with either a self-derogating person or a person of average self-evaluation. This result is indicative of the effect of others' self-

evaluations on one's own self-evaluation.

Another much studied determinant of self-perception is a person's family, especially his/her parents. One study (Gecas, Calonico, and Thomas; 1974) explored the mirror theory and the modeling theory of the development of the self-concept in children. Mirror theory states that a child's perception of self is most strongly influenced by his/her parents' perception of him/her while the modeling theory states that a child's self-perception is most strongly influenced by his/her parents' self-perceptions. In general, this study supported mirror theory. Another finding was that mirroring tended to be stronger in cross-sex parent-child relationships than in same-sex relationships. Also, both boys and girls tended to model their father more than their mother. Munns (1972) also studied self-perceptions of college males and how they are affected by parental and peer values. The results of this study indicate that males perceive themselves to be somewhat like their fathers in theoretical, social, political, and religious values. The major result of this study, however, was that the subjects perceived themselves as much closer to their peer group on all values studied than to either of their parents. Thus, in perception of one's values, peers have the strongest influence although the father also has some influence. Cava and Raush (1952) also studied self-perception. These investigators looked at the variables of personality conflict and their subjects' perceptions of their fathers' interests. Results of this study showed that boys with little personality conflict tended to see their own interests as similar to their father's interests. Boys with a high degree of personality conflict, on the other hand, tended to perceive their interests as dissimilar to their father's. Thus, not

only does it appear that fathers have an effect on a boy's self-perceptions, it also appears that this effect is related to personality conflict and the lack of it. Another study of familial effect on self-perceptions was done by Helper (1955). The focus of this investigation was to apply learning theory to the self-concept of boys and girls. For boys, it was found that self-perceptions tended to be similar to the perception of father when there was a high degree of parental reward given to the child for modeling behavior. With less reward there was less similarity between father and the boy's perception of himself. It was also found with boys that a high degree of modeling was related to a high degree of status among peers. None of these relationships were found for girls. It was found, however, that girls who received a high degree of parental reward for modeling mother had a low amount of status among peers. Thus, there is evidence of important sex differences in the effect of modeling the same-sexed parent on self-perception. A final study related to familial effects on self-perception has been done by Luckey (1961). This study focused on marriage as it affected perception of self. The marriages in this study were divided into two groups, satisfied and less satisfied. Satisfied males' self-perceptions were significantly closer to their wives' perceptions of them than were less satisfied males' self-perceptions. Also, satisfied males tended to see themselves as more like their ideal selves than did less satisfied males. Satisfied males saw themselves as very similar to their fathers while less satisfied males saw themselves as different from their fathers. Similar differences were not found between satisfied and less satisfied females.

Another determinant of self-perceptions that has been investigated



is the concept of social anxiety (Clark and Arkowitz, 1975). High and low socially anxious men participated in two brief conversations with a female confederate. Each subject rated himself on social skills and anxiety. A rating of the female confederate was also obtained. Results indicated that high anxious males rated themselves as more anxious and more deficient in social skills than low anxious subjects. No difference was found in the subjects' ratings of the female confederate. Trained judges also made ratings of the subjects. These judges rated the high anxious subjects higher in social skills and lower in anxiety than the high anxious subjects rated themselves. Judges rated low anxious subjects lower in social skills than they rated themselves. Thus, a high level of anxiety appears to affect the perception of one's social skills and interpersonal anxiety adversely while low levels of anxiety appears to enhance the perception of interpersonal anxiety but not the perception of social skills. High anxiety causes lower self-perceptions of interpersonal skills and higher perceptions of social anxiety than others perceive. Low anxiety causes an inflated perception of social skills when compared to others' evaluations.

Social comparison and competition also has been studied as affecting self-perceptions (Morse and Gergen, 1970). This study presented job applicants with stimulus persons whose characteristics were either socially desirable or undesirable. Half of the subjects in this study were told that the stimulus person was competing with them for the same position and the others were not told this. It was found that subjects presented with a desirable stimulus person decreased their self-esteem while those presented with an undesirable stimulus person increased their self-esteem. This was in evidence regardless of competition.

Thus, the effect of social comparison was clearly supported but no competition effect was found.

Another determinant of self-perception that has been investigated is failure. Mischel and Ebbesen (1973) assigned their subjects to success, failure, or control groups. These groups of subjects were informed that they would perform a task measuring their intellectual ability. Half of the subjects in each group were told to expect further testing while the other half were not. After completion of the task and feedback from the experimenters, subjects were allowed to look at positive and negative personality information concerning themselves. Subjects who got success feedback concerning the intellectual task attended more to their personality assets and less to their liabilities than did subjects who failed or the controls. Subjects who failed did not differ significantly from the controls. Although these effects were found for the group of subjects who believed no further testing would be done, they were even stronger for those who believed further testing would be done. It was also found that sensitizers were more likely to attend to their liabilities while repressors were more likely to attend to their assets. These results are indicative of a tendency to perceive one's self in less favorable light after a failure experience than after a success experience. Another study (Collison, 1974) also corroborates this idea. Third grade subjects who were failed on a math test had a significantly lower self-concept than did those who succeeded on the test.

A final determinant of self-perceptions that has been investigated is race. Clark and Clark (1939) found that when three year old black boys were asked to identify themselves by choosing a line drawing of a

white boy, a black boy, a lion, a dog, a clown, and a hen the children chose either the white boy or the black boy predominantly. The ratio of choices of the black boy to choices of the white boy increased as a function of age until about age five. Thus, in black children, race consciousness is achieved by age five. Another investigation of race effects on self-perception was done by Krate, Leventhal, and Silverstein (1974). These authors measured the self-percepts of black college students as recalled for two years before the study, four years before the study, now, and the future. Results led the authors to conclude that there is a distancing away from the "Negro" identity and a converging toward the more contemporary "Black" identity. McDonald and Gunther (1965) studied the differences between black and white adolescents' self-perceptions. This investigation showed black adolescents to have higher perceived dominance and love scores than white adolescents. The three studies reported above clearly indicate that race is a factor in the perception of self.

At this point it is important to note the relationship between self-disclosing verbiage and perception of self. Self-disclosure is nothing more than verbalizing information concerning one's self-perception. It might be thought of as direct perception of the first person as is seen in Table I. Because these two concepts are so closely united, it is not unjustified to expect to find self-perceptual effects in therapy groups in which self-disclosure is used frequently.

Another type of person perception is the perception of others. One way to look at variables affecting perception of others is to categorize these variables on the basis of locus. For example, variables that affect perception of others are found within the perceiver while

others are found in the person being perceived. Still other pertinent variables may be found in the relationship between the perceiver and the perceived. A final locus for variables affecting perception of others is external to the perceiver, the perceived, and their relationship.

One variable within the perceiver that has been studied in relation to perception of others is authoritarianism. Crockett and Merdinger (1956) studied the relationship between authoritarianism and the accuracy of perception of others. Results from this study indicated that high authoritarian individuals tend to perceive their peers as having high authoritarianism regardless of their peer's actual authoritarianism. Low authoritarian subjects, on the other hand, were quite variable in their estimation of their peer's authoritarianism. In general, however, low authoritarianism subjects estimated their peers to be either moderate or high in authoritarianism. The results concerning the accuracy of the perception of others by low and high authoritarian subjects did not show a significant difference. Thus, high authoritarian subjects tend to perceive others as high authoritarian and low authoritarian subjects are variable in their perception of other's authoritarianism. Neither group of subjects appears to be more accurate than the other, however. Jones (1955) also studied authoritarianism and initial perceptions of others. The results of this investigation suggest that in the perception of others, authoritarian subjects are more insensitive to psychological or personality characteristics since they were less able to accurately perceive these characteristics than were nonauthoritarian subjects. This study found this type of insensitivity even in regard to the attribute of personal

power or forcefulness. Also, authoritarians show a greater tendency than nonauthoritarians to differentiate the social environment in terms of power related concepts in spite of their reduced sensitivity to variations among people in personal power. In this study authoritarians showed the tendency to be more positively evaluative of leaders than nonauthoritarians regardless of the leader's specific characteristics.

Other perceiver variables that have been investigated in relation to their effects on perception of others are self-esteem and the feeling of acceptance. Dittes (1959) separated his subjects into two conditions. In one condition, subjects were warmly accepted by a group. In the other condition, subjects were poorly accepted. Subjects in the warm acceptance condition perceived the group to be more attractive than poorly accepted subjects. When the concept of self-esteem was examined it was evident that this effect was much stronger in persons with low self-esteem than in persons with high self-esteem. Thus, it seems that there is an interaction effect between self-esteem and acceptance by others on perception of others. This may be the case since the degree of lack of self-esteem may be precisely the degree of need for acceptance by others. When a person lacks self-esteem, he/she especially needs acceptance from others. When he/she receives this acceptance, those who offer the needed acceptance are perceived as attractive. The opposite is true for those who do not offer acceptance.

A final perceiver variable to be discussed here is use of expressive cues offered by the behavior of the perceived person. Gage (1952), in part, studied the effect of the use of expressive cues versus the perceiver's knowledge of the subculture of the perceived person in their

effects on the accuracy of other perception. Results indicated that accuracy of other perception is affected to a slight extent by the use of cues derived from another's expressive behavior. However, accuracy of other perception can result from accuracy of perception of individuals, from an accurate stereotype, or from a combination of both factors. Cronbach (1955) has also made this observation.

The first variable concerning the perceived person to be considered in its effect on the perception of others is conformity versus deviance. This variable was investigated by Streufert (1965) in its relationship to interpersonal distance. Interpersonal distance is a concept which combines spatial closeness and temporal lengths of interaction in groups. Results of this study indicate that the attitude toward conforming group members became more favorable as interpersonal distance decreased. In addition, it was found that attitudes toward a deviant group member became more unfavorable as interpersonal distance decreased. As people become closer to deviants they perceive them more negatively and as people become closer to conforming members, they perceive them more positively.

Another variable of the perceived person that affects others perception of him is wit. Goodchilds (1959) studied two types of humor, sarcastic wit and clowning wit, and their effects on perceived popularity and power. Several written fictional conversations were examined by college students to validate the degree of funniness and the clarity of the humor type. After this preliminary step, other students were asked to rate the power and the popularity of the fictional characters. It was found that sarcastic wits were perceived as unpopular but powerful while clowning wits were perceived as popular but relatively

powerless.

Jones, Hester, Farina, and Davis (1959) studied maladjustment versus adjustment in perceived persons. The study was designed such that two confederates evaluated the personality of one member of a subject pair. One confederate made derogatory remarks about the subject while the other was more noncommittal and mildly sympathetic. In one experimental condition the derogator was identified as maladjusted and the noncommittal confederate was identified as well adjusted. In another condition the identifications were reversed. Results indicate that the targets of the derogation perceived the maladjusted derogator to be more likable than the well adjusted derogator. The well adjusted derogator was perceived by the target of the derogation to be more credible than the maladjusted derogator. The subject who was essentially a bystander perceived the maladjusted derogator to be less likable than the target of the derogation did. Thus, it is evident that the label of maladjustment or adjustment affects the perception of one who is so labelled.

A final study concerning perceived person variables was focused on the perception of nonmembers of groups (Fishbein, 1963). Specifically, this study was concerned with group members' perceptions of threat from nonmembers. Fishbein's results made it evident that the orientation of the nonmembers toward the group and the eligibility of nonmembers for group membership each strongly influenced the perception of threat in nonmembers by members. A distinction between continued nonmembers and exmembers did not affect the group members' perceptions of threat. Thus, the orientation and the eligibility of nonmembers affected person perception but membership history did not. This finding, of course, is

only applicable to the limited area of the perception of threat from others.

Two factors concerning the relationship between the perceiver and the perceived have also been studied in the effects on other perception. The respect one person has for another has been investigated by Walster, Walster, Abrahams, and Brown (1966). This study looked specifically at the effect of erroneously given respect or disrespect on subsequent perceptions of respectability. Some subjects in this study discovered that they had accorded another more respect than the other deserved. Other subjects discovered that they had accorded another less respect than the other deserved. Each of these conditions produced a temporary overcompensation for the error in the subsequent perception of the other's respectability. If the subject had given the other too little respect initially, he/she temporarily underestimated the other's respectability. Thus, errors in respect given in a relationship with another cause subsequent over-correction in the form of an error in the opposite direction in perceived respectability. The second relationship variable to be considered here is compatibility. Spolsky (1965) investigated FIRO-B compatibility between a doctor and his patient. Evidence resulted suggesting that compatibility had an effect on the way the patient perceived the doctor which had implications for treatment outcome effects. The studies of Walster, et al. (1966) and Spolsky (1965) indicate that other perception is affected by the relation of perceiver to perceived.

Two other studies related to other perception but not specifically concerned with factors in the perceived person, the perceiver or their relationship have been done by Podell and Amster (1966) and Himmelfarb



(1972). Podell and Amster found that the more positive (or negative) information a subject had concerning a hypothetical other, the more polarized the subject's evaluation of the other became. Thus, the more consistently positive (or negative) information a person has about another the more his perception of the other will be polarized on the bad-good dimension. Himmelfarb also looked at the amount of information a perceiver had about another and at the source of this information. Two factors of the source of information proved to be important. First, for a given amount of information, the more sources that this information was compiled from, the greater its effects on other perception. Secondly, the more diverse the situations in which a source had observed another, the greater the effect the information had on the perception of another. These two studies combine to indicate that the volume of consistent information, the diversity of the sources, and the diversity of the sources' observations each strongly influences how much a given amount of information will affect the perceptions of others.

Before consideration of a third type of person perception, it should be noted that there is a very close relationship between other perception and feedback statements. In fact, feedback statements are merely a verbalization concerning a perception of a second party as seen in Table I. For this reason it is not unreasonable to entertain the hypothesis that therapy groups focusing on feedback statements may show person perceptual effects. One possible effect may be better accuracy.

No literature concerning the determinants of third party perception, impersonal disclosure, was found. However, if the third party perceived is a person, the other perception literature would apply.

A fourth type of person perception, one's perception of how others

perceive one, has been shown to be quite important for social interaction. Goslin (1962) indicated that adolescent boys and girls who were unable to accurately predict how their peers' perceived them, tended to be isolated from their peers. Thus, the lack of the ability to perceive how one is being perceived by others may cause one to be isolated from others. It is possible, however, that isolates in this study were unable to perceive how others perceived them since their isolation tended to reduce the amount of information on which these perceptions could be based. Not only has this type of person perception been shown to be related to the level of interpersonal interaction, but Kleinfeld (1972) found that it was also related to one's self-concept. This investigator studied black and white school children's academic self-concepts in relation to how they perceived their parents and teachers to perceive the children's academic selves. Results indicated that white children's self-concepts were more strongly related to their perception of their parents' perception of them than to their perception of their teacher's perception of them. For blacks, exactly the opposite was indicated except that this effect reached significance only for females. From this study it is clear that one's perceptions of others' perceptions of one is related to one's self-perception. Another interesting study which is indicative of the importance of this third type of person perception was completed by Broxton (1963). This study investigated the level of interpersonal attraction in college roommates. Results clearly indicated that interpersonal attraction is more closely related to how one perceives another's perception of one than to how another truly perceives one. Thus, one's perception of interpersonal reality is much more important than reality itself. In

sum, the studies of Goslin (1962), Kleinfeld (1972), and Broxton (1963) combine to indicate that this type of person perception is very important for interpersonal interaction and for one's own self-perception.

Several other studies have been done yielding interesting results pertinent for consideration here. Backman and Secord (1962) investigated living groups and found that liked persons, to a significantly greater extent than disliked persons, were perceived as perceiving a person in a similar fashion as a person perceived him/herself. Thus, if a person liked another, the other was perceived as attributing to that person the same traits that he/she attributed to him/herself. In addition to the results found for liking versus disliking, identical results were found for frequent interaction versus infrequent interaction. Not only does one tend to see one's self-perception as congruent to his/her perception of a liked (or frequently visited) person's perception of one but Deutsch and Soloman (1959) found that if one's self-perception is perceived to be congruent to another's perception of one, one tends to like the other more. In addition, these investigators found that when one's self-perception is perceived to be confirmed by another, one tends to think more of him/herself. A final investigation in this area (Sigall and Landy, 1973) studied the effects of having an attractive romantic partner on college males' perceptions of how others perceived them. Subjects in this study predicted the impressions that raters would form of them. These subjects expected to be target persons who, along with a female confederate (attractive or unattractive) would be presented to a rater as associated (boyfriend of the confederate) or as unassociated. Subjects believed they would be perceived most favorably in the attractive-associated condition and believed they

would be perceived most unfavorably in the unattractive-associated condition. Thus, it is likely that one's perceptions of others' perceptions of one is influenced by the attractiveness of one's associates.

Although the first two types of person perception have had analogous therapeutic verbalizations, one's perception of others' perceptions of one does not. It is possible that this is simply an oversight by those who study therapeutic verbiage. In pilot work for the present study, subjects were instructed to verbalize this type of self-empathy in an affective or evaluative manner. Eight subjects, four each in two separate group meetings, were unable to do this. Through discussing this inability with the subjects it was clear that although the task was understood intellectually, it was too intimate to perform. One subject indicated that he didn't even use this type of statement with his best friends and certainly could not do it with strangers in a psychology experiment. It may be that this pilot work has resulted in defining a type of self-disclosing statement that is found at the center of Lazarus' (1969) concentric circle conceptualization.

The final type of person perception to be discussed here is a person's perception of another's self-perception, other empathy. Gray and Gaier (1974) investigated parents' and friends' perceptions of female high school seniors' self-perceptions. Single friends were found to have the greatest accuracy in their perceptions of the girls' self-perceptions but friends in general were more variable in their accuracy than parents' perceptions were. Both parents and friends were able to accurately accomplish this type of person perception but best friends were more accurate while parents were more consistently accurate than friends in general.

This type of person perception, a person's perception of another's self-perception, is related to one of the therapeutic verbalizations discussed above. Empathic expression is, at least in part, concerned with perceiving how another sees him/herself and with verbalizing this perception. This clearly involves an important type of empathic understanding. Since empathic expression is verbalization of a type of person perception, it is possible that therapy groups which focus on empathy may show evidence of person perceptual effects.

No literature on impersonal empathy was available. However, if the third party is a person the other empathy literature found above would apply.

Before I leave the area of person perception, an important article by Lorber (1973) should be considered. Lorber discussed three concepts important for person perception. Mutuality, the first concept considered by Lorber, concerns the question "Does a person perceive another as that other perceives him/her?" The author presented evidence that indeed social choice tends to be mutual which implies that both liking and disliking tend to be mutual. Lorber also presents evidence that mutuality is not always the case. For example, high status individuals are accepted by others more than they accept others; and social isolates accept others more than they are accepted.

The second concept discussed by Lorber is accuracy, the degree to which a person can predict how others perceive him/her. Concerning accuracy, the author indicated that accepted children feel socially integrated and rejected children feel less socially integrated; those who are accepted tend to be aware of it; those who perceive themselves as being accepted generally are; leaders tend to underestimate their

acceptance by others; and isolates tend to overestimate their acceptance. In general, people tend to accurately perceive their acceptance although persons at the extreme levels of acceptance are likely to make perceptual errors. Lorber also discussed the situation when accuracy does not exist. If a person underestimated the level of acceptance from others he/she was likely to expect to receive less acceptance than he/she was willing to give and he/she was also likely to perceive him/herself as not acceptable or accepting. If a person overestimates his/her level of acceptance from others he/she is likely to expect more received acceptance than they were willing to give; he/she is likely to perceive him/herself as acceptable and accepting; he/she is likely to perceive him/herself as more accepting than others thought them to be; and he/she tends to be less well adjusted than persons who underestimate their acceptance.

Congruence is the final concept discussed in the Lorber article. This concept is the tendency for individuals to feel the same way about others as they perceive others to feel about them. Some explanations for congruence have been discussed. For example, an individual may respond to a person who is perceived as liking him/her by reciprocating these feelings; an individual dislikes another and in an attempt to reduce guilt produced by this feeling, he/she tends to perceive the other as disliking him/her.

Lorber asserted that mutuality, accuracy, and congruence are not independent but are strongly related. If two of these concepts are present the third must also be. This is due to the nature of the definitions of the concepts. This is readily apparent on inspection of the definitions for these concepts found in Appendix A.

## Verbal Conditioning and the Interpersonal Realm

Conditioning of verbal behavior has been studied for decades. The first studies concerning conditioning, extinction, and generalization of verbal behavior were done by Humphreys (1939) and Razran (1949). More recent experimentation (Greenspoon, 1951) concerning the conditioning of verbal behavior seems to have stimulated a great deal of interest in the area. In his study, Greenspoon was able to modify the probability of occurrence of a response class of plural nouns by using verbal approval in the form of "mmm-hmm," verbal disapproval in the form of "huh-uh," a light, and a tone as reinforcers. This early study led to other investigators studying the result of using a variety of reinforcers on a variety of verbal behaviors. Such approval responses as "mmm-hmm" (Ball, 1952; Greenspoon, 1951, 1955; Sarason, 1957; Mock, 1957; Krasner, 1955, Salzinger and Pisoni, 1957(a), 1957(b); Wilson and Verplank, 1956), "good" (Binder, McConnell, and Sjöholm, 1957; Cohen, Kalish, Thurston, and Cohen, 1954; Ekman, 1957; Hartman, 1955; Hildum and Brown, 1956; Nuthmann, 1957; Taffel, 1955; Tatz, 1956; Spivak and Papajohn, 1957; Fahmy, 1953), "that's accurate" (Kanfer, 1954), and paraphrasing the subject's response and agreeing with it with a smile (Verplank, 1955) have all been used to increase the frequency of a particular verbal response class. Other reinforcers such as a light (Greenspoon, 1951, 1955; Sidowski, 1954), a buzzer (Greenspoon, 1951), and a bell tone (McNair, 1957) have similarly been reported to yield increases in the frequency of usage of particular verbal response classes. Such nonverbal social reinforcers as head nods, smiles, and leaning forward (Wickes, 1956; Ekman, 1957) have also been used with positive results.

Although many verbal conditioning studies have obtained positive results, some negative results have been reported. Repetition of the subject's response (Fahmy, 1953), "mmm-hmm" (Daily, 1953; Hildum and Brown, 1956), "good" (Marion, 1956; Daily, 1953), and "give another one, please" (Fahmy, 1953) have each been used as verbal reinforcers with negative results. Ball (1952), Nuthmann (1957), and Taffel (1955) used lights as reinforcers with negative results and Ball (1952) found that using a buzzer as reinforcement caused no increase in his target response class. At least one nonverbal social reinforcer, the head nod, has been used with a population of schizophrenics with negative results (Hartmann, 1955). It seems then that the majority of research has obtained results illustrating the efficacy of simple reinforcement techniques in altering the frequency of a verbal response class. However, some negative results have also been reported.

Some explanations for negative results have been presented by Spielberger and DeNike (1962) and by Mandler and Kaplan (1956). Spielberger and DeNike concluded that their negative results were due to subjects being unaware of the reinforcement contingency. In fact, subjects lacking in awareness of the contingency did not differ significantly from controls in the frequency of usage of plural nouns. Mandler and Kaplan replicated the Greenspoon (1951) study obtaining negative results. These investigators concluded that subjects who increased the frequency of the target response class interpreted the reinforcer as a positive sanction, while subjects who decreased the frequency of the response class interpreted the reinforcer as a negative sanction. These studies suggest that awareness of the reinforcement contingency and awareness of the meaning of the reinforcer is essential



to effective verbal conditioning.

Extinction, schedules of reinforcement, generalization, subject variables, and other topics pertinent to verbal conditioning have been studied extensively. This literature is so voluminous as to preclude comprehensive review in this paper. However, reviews of this literature (Williams, 1966; Krasner, 1958; Kanfer, 1968; Salzinger, 1959; Greenspoon, 1962; Holz and Azrin, 1966; Hersen, 1968) have been done elsewhere. Since the focus of this paper is the interpersonal realm, it is well to leave the general consideration of verbal conditioning.

Several studies have been reported concerning verbal conditioning in an interpersonal setting. Oakes, Droge, and August (1960) presented a light each time one of their discussion group subjects responded with verbal content related to the topic of discussion, a psychological case study. Half of the subjects were told that the light signified that their statement showed "psychological insight" while the other half were told that the light signified that their statement lacked this insight. Results showed the "psychological insight" condition produced a high rate of verbal responsivity while the lacking insight condition produced hesitancy to speak. This finding indicated that a light may be used as a reinforcer in the group setting to alter verbal behavior. It also corroborated the assertion of Mandler and Kaplan (1956) that the meaning of the reinforcer is of extreme importance.

Oakes, Droge, and August (1961) used a discussion setting similar to that used in their earlier study. Instead of discussing a psychological case study, however, subjects discussed solutions to a problem to which there were three possible solutions. Reinforcement consisted of a light which was contingent upon making a statement that the authors

felt was likely to arrive at one preselected solution of the three possible. This conditioning technique produced an increase in the rate of emission of reinforceable responses over the thirty minute session. More surprising, perhaps, is that the subjects tended to choose the predetermined solution to the problem. Again, it is clear that reinforcement contingent on a verbal response class greatly effects verbal behavior in the group setting.

Oakes (1962) again used a light as a reinforcer in a discussion group to attempt to increase the frequency of occurrence of verbalizations falling into Bales' (1950) categories. As in the Oakes, Droge, and August (1960) study, the light signified that a subject's verbalization had evidenced "psychological insight". Results were negative with the exception of a significant increase in emission of the "gives opinions" category. The author explained these results in terms of the extremely low operant rate of some of the categories prior to institution of the reinforcement contingency and in terms of many of the categories being obviously unrelated to the meaning of the reinforcer.

Another study, (McNair, 1957) used a bell tone as a reinforcer contingent on any verbalization of the subjects in his discussion group. A significant increase in the rate of verbalization was found asserting that verbal behavior can be modified in discussion groups by simple conditioning techniques.

In a seminar-type situation, Cieutat (1959) used attention in the form of looking at his subjects with an occasional head nod to socially reinforce verbal behavior. Results indicated the total time spent speaking varied directly with attention and inversely with inattention. This study suggested that social reinforcers are useful in a discussion

setting as well as mechanical reinforcement.

Not only has verbal behavior been modified by verbal conditioning in the discussion setting, it has been modified through similar methods in therapy groups. Hauserman, Zweback, and Plotkin (1972) used tokens to reward typically nonverbal hospitalized adolescents for verbalizations in a therapy group. Group members emitted a substantially higher rate of verbal interactions than prior to the institution of the token reinforcement. When awarding of tokens was stopped, the rate of verbal interaction decreased.

Another study corroborating the efficacy of verbal conditioning using token reinforcement was done by Kruger (1971) using three groups of male adolescent delinquents. Reinforcement consisted of the flash of a light. Each reinforcement was tallied and could be used as a token in exchange for back up reinforcers such as candy. In one of the two experimental groups, reinforcement was controlled by the experimenter and in the other group reinforcement was controlled by one of the subjects. In both groups reinforcement was contingent on verbalization. A control group received random reinforcement. The peer reinforcement condition showed the highest rate of response total when compared to the control. Thus, these results provide further evidence that a token system can have a great effect on verbalization in group therapy.

Studies have also indicated that social reinforcers can work in group therapy. Wagner (1966) studied one therapy group of hospitalized psychiatric patients. Half of the group's eight members were reinforced by "good," "uh-huh," or a head nod following every verbalization. The other patients were not reinforced. A significant difference in the rate of verbalization was found between the groups up until the

sixth session. The equalization of the response rate of the two conditions after the sixth session was explained by the author in terms of each experimental condition occurring within the same group. Nonreinforced subjects may have received vicarious reinforcement or they may have increased their verbalizations to limit the reinforcement the other patients could get. In any case, the study suggested that an increase in verbalization can be achieved using social reinforcers in the therapy group.

Another study indicating the effectiveness of verbal conditioning using social reinforcement in group therapy was done by Dinoff, Horner, Kurpiewski, Rickard, and Timmons (1960). These investigators reinforced two groups of hospitalized male schizophrenics for either group responses or for personal responses by attending to, reflecting, or approving of the subject's statement. Significant increases in the target responses were observed.

Heckel, Wiggins, and Salzberg (1962) also studied verbal conditioning in group psychotherapy. This study is of particular interest because of its use of negative reinforcement of verbalization. After any group silence of ten seconds or longer, these experimenters presented a noxious noise. With the first verbalization the noxious noise was terminated constituting negative reinforcement of verbal behavior. Verbalization was found to increase and silences were almost eliminated indicating the effectiveness of negative reinforcement.

A final technique of verbal conditioning in groups has been used by Fromme, Whisenant, Susky, and Tedesco (1974), Fromme and Close (1976), Fromme and Duvall (1977), and Fromme and Marcy (1976). These investigators seated four subjects in a semicircular arrangement around

a small table. Each subject faced a digital counter used to record the subject's verbalizations which fit one of five reinforceable categories. When reinforcement in the form of advancement of the digital counter was issued, an audible click was heard. In addition to the digital counters, red lights were used as negative reinforcers in a manner similar to the use of noxious noise by Heckel, Wiggins, and Salzberg (1962). Whenever any subject fell ten or more counts behind the subject with the highest count, his red light was turned on. When he emitted enough reinforceable responses such that he was less than ten counts behind, his red light was turned off. The lights were also used as an informational cue to alert the subjects whenever three minutes had elapsed with no member of the group emitting a reinforceable response. This was accomplished by a brief flash of all four lights.

By utilizing this technique Fromme, et al. (1974) were able to increase the level of emission of feeling statements, giving feedback, seeking feedback, clarifying the nature of another's affective state, and seeking information about another's current affective state in twelve groups of undergraduates. These investigators found that reinforcement techniques produced a level of response equal to that produced by therapists. The reinforcement technique, however, was viewed less positively by the subjects than was the therapist condition.

Fromme and Close (1976) studied the effect of Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation - Behavior (Schutz, 1958) compatibility on the levels of occurrence of the same five verbal categories as in the Fromme, et al. study. In general, results indicated that compatible groups express more affective verbalizations than do incompatible groups. This study also corroborated the finding that these reinforce-

ment procedures enhance the number of affective verbalizations significantly.

Fromme and Marcy (1976) also utilized Fromme's method of verbal conditioning. The study indicated that the method could be used to investigate the effects of different modes of interpersonal interaction. Cohesiveness and self-disclosure were found to be related to the typical mode of interaction in groups.

Fromme and Duvall (1977) indicated that the reinforcement technique was more effective in producing high levels of verbal response than was a control condition that merely instructed subjects to respond. For this reason, no instruction only control group was deemed necessary in the present study.

#### Cohesiveness

Group cohesiveness is an important dependent measure in the present study. It has long been considered an important aspect of group psychotherapy. Cohesiveness has been defined in a variety of ways. Festinger (1950) defined cohesiveness as the resultant of all forces acting on the members to remain in the group. The emphasis of Festinger's definition is clearly on the degree to which the group tends to cohere or stick together. This emphasis is also apparent in the definitions for cohesiveness forwarded by Berne (1963) and by Gross and Martin (1952). However, in each of these definitions, cohesiveness is seen as existing in opposition to a disruptive force. Berne (1963, p. 97) defines cohesiveness as "The force that opposes both pressure and agitation. . ." He indicated that agitation is an internal threat to group existence. These writers define cohesiveness as the resistance

of a group to disruptive forces.

A second common emphasis for cohesiveness definitions is the idea of group attractiveness or social satisfaction properties. For example, Frank (1957) defined cohesiveness as the attractiveness of a group for its members. Similarly, Lieberman, Yalom, and Miles (1973) suggested that group cohesiveness could be defined as a sum of individual attraction measures across all group members.

The cohesiveness definition presented by Shaw (1971) combines both of the definitional components suggested above. His definition of the term is "the degree to which members of the group are attracted to each other, or the degree to which the group coheres or 'hangs together'" (Shaw, 1971, p. 192).

Shaw also has summarized the definitions that have been used commonly in the social psychology literature. These are resistance to leaving the group, morale or level of motivation of group members, and coordination of the efforts of group members. Although these definitions are seemingly related to the major ideas of social attractiveness and tendency to cohere, they are not identical. A final cohesiveness definition was presented by Landecker (1955). This study defined cohesiveness as the degree to which members conform to group norms.

The multiplicity of different definitions for cohesiveness comprises a basis for questioning the plausibility of cohesiveness being a unitary concept. Festinger, Schacter, and Back (1950) assumed that cohesiveness was a unitary concept and treated it as such. A study by Smith (1970) indicated that cohesiveness was merely interpersonal attraction. Thus, it gave support to the unitary conception of cohesiveness.

The unitary conception of cohesiveness was questioned, however, by Gross and Martin (1952) who found that the three indicators they used to measure cohesiveness in thirteen women's living groups at a mid-western university had very low or negative linear intercorrelations. Similar evidence was forwarded for a multifaceted concept of cohesiveness in a study by Eisman (1959) who found that five indicators of cohesiveness also had very low or negative intercorrelations. The measures used in this study were the mean number of reasons for belonging to the group as reported on Eisman's 21 item checklist, the number of items on this checklist checked by more than half the group, the mean rating for a group on a five point scale measuring how attractive the group was for each member, a sociometric rating, and the degree of homogeneity of group values. Of course, the evidence forwarded by Eisman and Gross and Martin may be due to inadequate cohesiveness measures rather than being due to the concept's multifaceted quality. Thus, the evidence forwarded here is merely suggestive rather than conclusive.

Hagstrom and Selvin (1965) applied the factor analytic method to resolve the controversy between cohesiveness as a unitary concept and as a multifaceted one. Subjects were obtained from women's living groups at the University of California. Each subject responded to a nineteen-item questionnaire developed by the authors. When these data were analyzed, two orthogonal factors emerged. The factors were called social satisfaction and sociometric cohesion. Social satisfaction was related to social attraction to the group and satisfaction derived from social interaction in the group while sociometric cohesion was related to length of time in the group and a high number of group members as best friends. Hagstrom and Selvin's results tend to support definitions



of cohesiveness that include both the social attractiveness and the tendency to cohere dimensions. One such definition is the one offered by Shaw (1971). The cohesiveness measure in the present study taps both dimensions.

Cohesiveness, although not always identically defined, has generally been considered a very important group parameter. For example, Shaw (1971) indicated that it is clear that cohesiveness is related to the quantity and the quality of group interaction. Cohesiveness brings cooperation and friendship into the group interaction. It also is related to high group influence on the individual and to the individual's satisfaction derived from the group. Low cohesiveness, according to Shaw, is related to independent functioning among group members and to a mutual lack of empathic concern.

Other investigators have also concluded that cohesiveness plays other important roles in group interaction. Schacter (1951) found that high cohesiveness plays other important roles in group interaction. Schacter (1951) found that high cohesiveness is related to members striving to influence each other. Also, it has been reported by Cartwright and Zander (1962) that members of highly cohesive groups tend to be more influenced by the group than members of groups with low cohesiveness. Back (1951) learned that cohesive groups produce members who were more willing to listen to each other. Rasmussen and Zander (1954) reported that group members were more accepting of other group members in cohesive groups than members of non-cohesive groups. Members of highly cohesive groups were also found to experience more security and tension relief in their groups than members of groups without cohesiveness (Seashore, 1954). Members of cohesive groups participate readily

in group activities (Rasmussen and Zander, 1954; Goldstein, Heller, and Sechrest, 1966). Cohesive group norms are protected more readily than norms in less cohesive groups (Schachter, 1951; Zander and Havelin, 1962). The cohesive group is much less susceptible to disruption due to a member leaving the group than a group with low cohesiveness (Goldstein, Heller, and Sechrest, 1966). Each of the above studies clearly asserts that cohesiveness is a very pertinent factor in developing many positive qualities in group settings.

Besides its importance for groups in general, cohesiveness is especially important in group psychotherapy. Yalom (1970) indicated that cohesiveness is particularly important for attendance, participation, mutual helping, and maintenance of group therapy norms. He maintained that cohesiveness is a necessary precondition for effective group therapy, thereby indicating the tremendous importance he attaches to cohesiveness. Bednar and Lawlis (1971) concurred with Yalom's estimate of the significance of cohesiveness for group therapy. They indicated that cohesiveness represents a parameter of group atmosphere that is essential to effective treatment.

Yalom (1970, pp. 65-71) reported an unpublished study in which he collaborated with Tinklenberg and Gilula concerning group therapy patients' views of the importance of several curative factors. These investigators studied twenty well educated, middle class, outpatients with neurotic or characterological disorders. The subjects had all been rated successful cases after eight to twenty-two months of group therapy. All subjects were asked to rate the relative importance of altruism, cohesiveness, universality, interpersonal learning, guidance, catharsis, identification, family re-enactment, insight, instillation

of hope, and existential factors in their successful group experience. It was found that subjects chose cohesiveness as the third most important curative factor.

A second study (Dickoff and Lakin, 1963) corroborated the finding that patients view cohesiveness as a highly important part of the group therapy experience. Dickoff and Lakin used tapes of members of their therapy groups explaining the curative factors that they had experienced in their therapy groups. The authors classified each statement and found that their patients believed that cohesiveness was of major therapeutic importance. In the same study, results indicated that patients who experienced the group as cohesive attended more sessions, had more social contact with the other members, and judged the group as having offered a therapeutic experience. The authors concluded that cohesiveness is in itself of therapeutic value and is essential for the perpetuation of the group.

Miles (1965) measured the relationship between cohesiveness and outcome in group therapy. Subjects for this study were members of eighteen encounter groups composed of undergraduates. Cohesiveness was measured by a questionnaire and outcome was measured by a group yield score determined by summing each group member's change score, the resultant of summing the subject's change on a number of outcome measures. Miles' data indicated a strong association between high cohesiveness and high group yield. Thus, it would seem probable that group cohesiveness is important for therapeutic gain in the group setting.

The studies presented above point to the extreme importance of cohesiveness in groups in general and in therapy groups in particular. It seems that if a group therapy medium is to have efficacy it must

provide a way to encourage, enhance, and promote the development of cohesiveness. Without this powerful factor a therapy group is certain to be less efficient in achieving its therapeutic goals. It is questionable whether or not success in group therapy is possible without cohesiveness. Thus, in the study of groups it is always important to investigate cohesiveness.

#### The Present Study

The present study was an attempt to discover the relative efficacy of six types of verbalizations on producing group cohesiveness, enjoyment, meaningfulness, the tendency to self-disclose, and empathy. It was felt that there might be relatively low levels of each of these variables in the less intimate categories when compared to the more intimate categories. It was assumed that the intimacy of the conditions was ordered from least intimate to most intimate as follows: nonaffective self-disclosure, impersonal disclosure, other disclosure (feedback), self-disclosure, impersonal empathy, and other empathy. It was predicted that the reinforcement data would make this assumption tenable. Finally, several person perception variables were analyzed in an exploratory spirit to guide future research in this area.

## CHAPTER II

### METHOD

#### Subjects

Subjects were 72 undergraduate students enrolled in an introductory psychology course at Oklahoma State University. Subjects volunteered for the experiment to receive minimal class credit by signing their name on a sheet of paper handed out by the course instructor. Each sheet had spaces for only four names so each sheet represented one group. Subjects were asked not to place their names on the sheet if they knew anyone whose name already appeared on that sheet. In this way groups with no previous acquaintanceship except minimal class contact were formed. Sex was held constant over all groups by composing each group of two males and two females.

Eighteen groups were formed by this method. Three of the groups were assigned randomly to each of six experimental conditions in which four types of disclosure and two types of empathy were the verbal response categories. These categories will be defined later in this chapter.

Each subject received a telephone call from the experimenter prior to his/her group meeting to remind him/her of the time and place of the experiment. This policy kept attendance at a high rate.

### Apparatus

The experimental room was a reasonably comfortable eleven by twelve foot room with a one-way mirror situated in one of the twelve foot walls. Subjects were seated around a small table. Each session was monitored by the experimenter via the one-way mirror and a microphone on the small table. A four channel relay control panel was used to record those instances where the experimenter judged that a group member's statement fit one of the reinforceable categories. A digital counter was located on the table in front of each subject. When reinforcement was given, the digital counter placed in front of the appropriate subject was advanced producing an audible click. A red light located on top of each subject's counter was also used to provide two types of informational cues. First, all four lights were automatically flashed by an interval timer whenever no subject received a reinforcement for a period of three minutes. This feedback was used to help direct the group's attention toward the emission of the appropriate response category. Second, an individual's red light was turned on whenever that subject was more than ten counts behind the subject with the most counts. The light remained lit until that subject brought the difference between his count and the highest count to less than ten.

### Response Categories

A set of six verbal response categories was defined as follows:

1. Nonaffective or demographic self-disclosure was defined as any statement providing information about the self if no feeling about the information is expressed.

2. Impersonal disclosure was defined as any statement expressing a feeling about or evaluating something external to the self.

3. Self-disclosure was defined as any statement expressing a feeling about or evaluating the self.

4. Other disclosure (feedback) was defined as any other-referred statement expressing feelings about or evaluating another group member.

5. Impersonal empathy was defined as any statement concerning what one thinks another group member feels about something external to the group member's self.

6. Other empathy was defined as any statement concerning what one thinks another group member feels about him/herself.

Intersubjective reliability of these response categories was determined prior to the experiment proper by independent ratings of statements issued by the 20 members of five groups. These subjects received the same treatment as used in the experiment proper. Each group session was tape recorded so that an independent judge could later determine which of the statements issued by these groups fit the appropriate category. In this way the percentage of agreement between the experimenter and the judge could be determined. These percentages of agreement are found in Table II.

Another type of reliability data was also collected concerning the response categories. This was the percent agreement between two judges using all the response categories simultaneously. This percentage was found to be 95.

TABLE II

PERCENT OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO JUDGES  
USING ONE RESPONSE CATEGORY

	Percent Agreement All Statements	Percent Agreement Reinforceable Statements
Nonaffective Self-disclosure	97	92
Impersonal Disclosure	96	86
Self-disclosure	96	81
Other Disclosure (Feedback)	99	96
Impersonal Empathy	99	92
Other Empathy	99	94

#### Procedure

Each group met separately for one seventy minute session. Each session was divided into ten minutes of free conversation, ten minutes of warm up and verbal instruction, and fifty minutes of verbal conditioning. Before each session, subjects were told to engage in free conversation to allow the experimenter to see in what way free conversation differs from conversation with the use of the experimental apparatus (Appendix B). The experimenter then proceeded behind the one-way mirror and monitored the group's conversation for ten minutes. After this period, the experimenter re-entered the room in which the subjects were conversing and proceeded to conduct a warm-up exercise and give them more verbal instructions (Appendix B). At this time subjects were also



given a card on which a written statement concerning the appropriate verbal response category for their group was described (Appendix B). For the purpose of this experiment, it was explained that it was desirable for each subject to express as many statements of this type as he/she could. Illustrative examples of the appropriate verbal category were presented and discussed with the group (Appendix B). Subjects were also given an explanation of the apparatus.

At the end of each free conversation period the experimenter recorded the number of instances of the appropriate type of verbal response for each subject. During the verbal conditioning session the experimenter recorded the number of reinforceable responses issued by each subject in each of the five ten minute periods. Following each session, subjects responded to a cohesiveness measure (Appendix C), a meaningfulness measure (Appendix C), an enjoyment measure (Appendix C), a group perceptions test (Appendix F), a self-disclosure measure (Appendix D), and an empathy measure (Appendix E). From the group perceptions test 14 measures were taken (Appendix A).

## CHAPTER III

### RESULTS

All the data collected in the present study is found in Appendix G and the nonsignificant analyses are found in Appendix H.

#### Response Category Data

The first question that needed to be answered in the present study was, "Does the conditioning procedure work?" This question was answered in two ways. First, six planned comparisons were computed which compared the mean of the six types of verbal responses in the free conversation period with the mean of each type during the conditioning procedure. The F ratios resulting from these comparisons are found in Table III.

Table III and inspection of the data in Appendix G makes it immediately clear that the reinforcement procedure used in this study produced more verbal responses of the target category than were issued by the subjects in the free conversation. In this sense, the conditioning procedure has significant effectiveness.

A second statistical method was used to answer the question of the reinforcement procedure's efficacy. An analysis of variance procedure was used on the number of responses of each of the six types issued. The analysis of variance summary table for nonaffective self-disclosure responses issued in each of the six treatments is found in Table IV.

TABLE III

COMPARISONS OF FREE CONVERSATION RESPONSES  
WITH CONDITIONING RESPONSES

Category	F <sub>1,60</sub>
Nonaffective Self-disclosure	16.70*
Impersonal Disclosure	106.65*
Self-disclosure	67.42*
Other Disclosure (Feedback)	25.27*
Impersonal Empathy	15.88*
Other Empathy	7.02*

\*p ≤ .05

TABLE IV

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR NONAFFECTIVE  
SELF-DISCLOSURE RESPONSES

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	1890.78	Pooled Groups and Subjects	4.84*
Groups	12	221.06	Subjects	.52
Subjects	54	428.1		

\*p ≤ .05

The significance of the treatment F ratio was analyzed further by utilization of the Newman-Keuls method for making multiple pairwise comparisons. The results of this procedure and the mean number of nonaffective self-disclosure responses in each condition is found in the first row of Table V. Inspection of Table IV and the first row of Table V is indicative of the conditioning procedure's effectiveness in producing nonaffective self-disclosure responses. More of these responses were produced when the target category was the nonaffective self-disclosure response than in any other condition. Finally, no group effect was observed in the nonaffective self-disclosure condition.

An analysis of variance similar to the one above was computed for the impersonal disclosure responses. It is found in Table VI. The significance of the treatments F ratio was analyzed further by utilization of the Newman-Keuls method. These results are found in the second row of Table V. Thus, more impersonal disclosure responses were issued when the target category was impersonal disclosure than in any other condition. All other conditions were not essentially different. This again asserts that the conditioning procedure is effective. No significant group effect was found.

The analysis of variance for the other disclosure (feedback) responses is found in Table VII. The significance of the treatments F ratio was analyzed further by the Newman-Keuls method. The mean number of other disclosure (feedback) responses in each experimental condition are found in the third row of Table V. Significantly more other disclosure (feedback) responses were issued when other disclosure (feedback) was the target category than in any of the other conditions. All other conditions were not essentially different. Thus, the conditioning

TABLE V

MEAN VERBAL RESPONSES FOR EACH  
REINFORCEMENT CONDITION

Reinforcement	Nonaffective Self-disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self-disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
Dependent Variables (Response Categories)						
1. Nonaffective Self-disclosure	73.75 <sup>a</sup>	45.83 <sup>b</sup>	41.75 <sup>b</sup>	38.42 <sup>b</sup>	48.17 <sup>b</sup>	48.17 <sup>b</sup>
2. Impersonal Disclosure	21.25 <sup>a</sup>	58.50 <sup>b</sup>	33.25 <sup>a</sup>	35.00 <sup>a</sup>	31.50 <sup>a</sup>	33.58 <sup>a</sup>
3. Other Disclosure (Feedback)	.75 <sup>a</sup>	2.08 <sup>a</sup>	19.33 <sup>b</sup>	2.67 <sup>a</sup>	2.00 <sup>a</sup>	3.83 <sup>a</sup>
4. Self-disclosure	1.42 <sup>a</sup> 1.42 <sup>c</sup>	2.92 <sup>a</sup>	3.58 <sup>a</sup>	10.58 <sup>b</sup>	1.33 <sup>a</sup> 1.33 <sup>c</sup>	6.67 <sup>a</sup> 6.67 <sup>d</sup>
5. Impersonal Empathy	2.08 <sup>a</sup>	3.25 <sup>a</sup>	3.42 <sup>a</sup>	2.08 <sup>a</sup>	9.25 <sup>b</sup>	3.25 <sup>a</sup>
6. Other Empathy	.67 <sup>a</sup>	.25 <sup>a</sup>	.58 <sup>a</sup>	.08 <sup>a</sup>	.83 <sup>a</sup>	4.00 <sup>b</sup>

a,b,c,d indicate, within each row, groups of means that are different from one another beyond the .05 level

TABLE VI

## ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR IMPERSONAL DISCLOSURE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	1816.91	Pooled Groups and Subjects	7.10*
Groups	12	365.35	Subjects	1.57
Subjects	54	232.91		

\*p ≤ .05

TABLE VII

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR OTHER DISCLOSURE  
(FEEDBACK) RESPONSES

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	594.59	Groups	19.87*
Groups	12	29.93	Subjects	2.68*
Subjects	54	11.17		

\*p ≤ .05

procedure has efficacy for increasing the rate of F responses.

The F ratio for groups in Table VII was also significant. For this reason no pooling of groups and subjects variance was possible. No further analysis was required since groups is a random factor. This F

ratio is indicative of one or more groups issuing significantly more other disclosure (feedback) responses than at least one other group. The probable cause for this groups effect is that one subject in a group had a marked effect in influencing the entire group's response rate. This is likely since the red lights used tended to keep subjects within ten counts of each other. The effect of one subject in a group "pulling" that group's rate of response to very high levels might be termed a "bootstrap" effect.

An analysis of variance table for self-disclosure responses is found in Table VIII.

TABLE VIII

## ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR SELF-DISCLOSURE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	154.90	Groups	4.51*
Groups	12	34.37	Subjects	2.51*
Subjects	54	13.68		

\* $p \leq .05$

The mean number of self-disclosure responses issued in each condition and the results of the Newman-Keuls procedure are found in row four of Table V. It is clear that the conditioning procedure, where self-disclosure is the response category, enhances the rate of self-

disclosure responses significantly more than any other condition. Again we have evidence that the conditioning procedure is effective. However, the other conditions were not equal in producing self-disclosure responses. The other empathy condition produced significantly more self-disclosure responses than the nonaffective self-disclosure condition and the impersonal empathy condition. A significant group effect was noted indicating that the groups were not all equal in their feedback production.

The analysis of variance for the impersonal empathy responses is found in Table IX.

TABLE IX

## ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR IMPERSONAL EMPATHY

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	87.12	Pooled Groups and Subjects	7.91*
Groups	12	8.67	Subjects	.75
Subjects	54	11.55		

\*p  $\leq$  .05

The mean number of impersonal empathy responses in each condition and the results of the Newman-Keuls procedure are found in row five of Table V. Inspection of Table V is indicative of the conditioning procedure's



enhanced number of impersonal empathy responses when this verbal category was the target response. None of the other conditions were significantly different from one another in their level of impersonal empathy responses. In addition, no significant group effect was found.

Finally, the analysis of variance for the other empathy responses is found in Table X.

TABLE X

## ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR OTHER EMPATHY

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	25.65	Pooled Groups and Subjects	9.19*
Groups	12	1.97	Subjects	.66
Subjects	54	2.98		

\*p  $\leq$  .05

The mean number of other empathy responses in each condition and the results of the Newman-Keuls procedure is found in row six of Table V. These results indicate that the conditioning procedure enhanced the number of other empathy responses when other empathy was the target category more than any other condition. None of the other conditions were different from one another in their level of other empathy production. No significant group effect was found.

In sum, the results above clearly show that the reinforcement procedure increased the level of the target verbal category when compared to a free discussion condition and when compared to conditions reinforcing other verbal targets. Thus, the procedure is clearly effective.

Another analysis, found in Table XI was completed on the reinforcement data only. This analysis splits the 50 minute reinforcement period into five ten-minute periods as can be seen in Appendix G. The significant treatments F ratio was analyzed further by the Newman-Keuls procedure. The treatment means and the results of the Newman-Keuls procedure are found in Table XII.

TABLE XI

## ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR REINFORCED RESPONSES

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	2304.80	Groups	39.18*
Periods	5	123.50	Periods by Groups	9.35*
Groups	12	58.83	Subjects	6.13*
Treatments by Periods	25	28.76	Periods by Groups	2.18*
Subjects	54	9.60		
Period by Groups	60	13.21	Periods by Subjects	2.67*
Period by Subjects	270	4.95		

\*p ≤ .05

TABLE XII

MEAN REINFORCED RESPONSES PER SUBJECT PER PERIOD IN EACH TREATMENT

Treatment	Nonaffective Self-disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self-disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
	14.57 <sup>a</sup>	10.50 <sup>b</sup>	3.24 <sup>c</sup>	2.49 <sup>c</sup>	1.60 <sup>c</sup>	.67 <sup>c</sup>

a, b, c indicate groups of means that are significantly different beyond the .05 level

These results indicate that nonaffective self-disclosure was used at a significantly higher rate during the conditioning procedure than each of the other categories. Impersonal disclosure was used at a higher rate than any other category except nonaffective self-disclosure. These results indicate that nonaffective self-disclosure and impersonal disclosure were easier categories to use than the others.

The significant periods F ratio found in Table XI was also analyzed with the Newman-Keuls method. The period means and the Newman-Keuls results are found in Table XIII.

TABLE XIII

MEAN REINFORCED RESPONSES PER SUBJECT AVERAGED  
OVER THE RESPONSE CATEGORIES  
IN EACH PERIOD

Free Conversation Period	First Ten Minutes	Second Ten Minutes	Third Ten Minutes	Fourth Ten Minutes	Fifth Ten Minutes
2.99 <sup>a</sup>	5.57 <sup>b</sup>	5.43 <sup>b</sup>	6.35 <sup>b</sup>	6.51 <sup>b</sup>	6.21 <sup>b</sup>

a, b indicate groups of means that are significantly different beyond the .05 level

Table XIII and the treatments F ratio in Table XI provide evidence that the conditioning procedure is effective when considered generally over all the treatments. It generally increases the number of reinforceable statements when compared to the free conversation. No significant differences in response rate occurred among the five ten-minute reinforce-

ment periods.

A significant treatment by periods interaction is also found in Table XI. To analyze this effect the simple main effects of periods within treatments were computed. The F ratios for these simple main effects are found in Table XIV.

TABLE XIV

MEAN SQUARES AND F RATIOS FOR  
PERIOD WITHIN TREATMENTS  
SIMPLE MAIN EFFECTS

Treatment	Sum of Squares	F <sub>5,60</sub>
Nonaffective Self-disclosure	73.05	5.50*
Impersonal Disclosure	122.45	9.27*
Other Disclosure (Feedback)	47.7	3.61*
Self-disclosure	14.53	1.10
Impersonal Empathy	1.83	0.14
Other Empathy	7.93	0.60

\*p ≤ .05

Inspection of Table XIV indicates that only three of the treatments show a period or a reinforcement effect. This at first seems to contradict the results of the planned comparisons listed earlier. This seeming contradiction may be explained as follows. When one considers the means in Table XII, it is clear that many more responses were

issued in the nonaffective disclosure condition, and the impersonal disclosure condition than were issued in the other categories. Since there were more responses in these categories, there was the possibility for much more variability. Thus, these two conditions contributed largely to the mean square error for the simple main effects (periods by groups) while the other conditions with less possible variability contributed much less. This results in an inflated error term which makes any significant results impossible to obtain in any treatment with a very low rate of response. For this reason the planned comparisons above which compare each treatment reinforcement effect against an error term derived solely within that treatment is a more appropriate statistical procedure.

Finally, Table XI contains a significant group effect and a significant period by group interaction. The first result indicates that one or more groups produced significantly higher rates of response than another group. The second result is similar except that the effect is within one or more periods, not over the entire session. These effects need not be analyzed further since each is a random factor. Again, these group effects might be the result of the "boot strap" effect.

A final statistical procedure reanalyzed the response category data from a slightly different vantage point. This particular analysis looks at the other disclosure (feedback) condition, the other empathy condition, the impersonal disclosure condition, and the impersonal empathy condition as they relate to metaperception versus perception and other referred versus third party referred (see Table I). Other disclosure (feedback) responses are other referred statements of direct perception while other empathy responses are other referred statements

of metaperception. Impersonal disclosure responses are third party referred statements of metaperception. Thus, the four treatments may be seen as constituting a 2 X 2 factorial design where the two factors are metaperception versus perception and other referred versus third party referred. The analysis of variance table for this conceptualization using nonaffective self-disclosure responses found no significant results. This analysis is found in Table XXXII in Appendix H.

This is evidence that the metaperception versus perception and the other versus third party variables and their interaction do not significantly affect the rate of nonaffective self-disclosure responses. This may be, in part, due to a ceiling effect caused by the high rate of nonaffective self-disclosure responses. In addition, no group effect was found.

The same conceptualization was also used for the self-disclosure responses in Table XV. A significant group effect was in evidence which indicated one or more groups produced significantly more self-disclosure statements than did another group. This effect is not an instance of the "boot strap" effect since self-disclosure was not reinforced in these data.

The reader may also note the strong, but nonsignificant other versus third party factor F ratio. However, if one accepts the pooling subjects and groups variance to form the error term for the other versus third party F ratio, the F ratio reaches significance ( $F_{1,66} = 5.64, p \leq .05$ ). Pooling is at least marginally tenable since the groups F ratio is not extremely large. This F ratio, the other mean (5.13), and the third party mean (2.13), may be taken cautiously as evidence that verbalizing concerning another group member produced more

self-disclosure than did verbalizing concerning a third party regardless of metaperception versus perception. No significant perceptual effect or significant interaction is found in Table XV.

TABLE XV  
TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE  
FOR SELF-DISCLOSURE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	108.00	Groups	2.94
			Pooled Groups and Subjects	5.64*
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	6.75	Groups	.18
			Pooled Groups and Subjects	.35
Interaction	1	65.33	Groups	1.77
			Pooled Groups and Subjects	3.41
Groups	8	36.77	Subjects	2.41*
Subjects	36	15.25		

\*p ≤ .05

It would be possible to use this same conceptualization for each of the remaining four types of responses [other disclosure (feedback), other empathy, impersonal empathy, impersonal empathy] and in fact the author performed these analyses. The results, however, were strictly redundant information merely reconfirming the reinforcement effect seen



in Table V. For this reason, these analyses will be omitted.

#### Jourard's Self-disclosure Questionnaire Data

An analysis of variance for the Self-disclosure Questionnaire Data is found in Table XXXIII in Appendix H. As is readily ascertained from the F ratios in Table XXXIII no significant tendency for a treatment effect or a group effect is found. Thus, the experimental conditions of the present study did not affect subjects' responses to the self-disclosure measure.

The self-disclosure concept has often been related to intimacy as is reported in the literature review. It is the author's belief that the present response categories also vary on the intimacy dimension. Specifically the nonaffective self-disclosure and the impersonal disclosure categories appear to be lacking in intimacy while the self-disclosure, other disclosure (feedback), impersonal empathy and other empathy conditions appear more intimate. This is corroborated by the ease of use of the response categories data found in the treatments F ratio in Table XI. To analyze this intimacy effect planned comparisons were computed which are found in Table XVI.

The planned comparison data indicate that indeed the intimacy dimension has its effects on the subjects' responses to the self-disclosure questionnaire. This effect can be further analyzed by inspection of the self-disclosure questionnaire means in Table XVII. A significantly stronger tendency to self-disclose is found in the intimate treatments as compared to the nonaffective self-disclosure and the impersonal disclosure conditions but only when the intimate treatments are considered in aggregate. No significant difference in self-disclosure

is in evidence when the intimate treatments are considered separately.

TABLE XVI  
 PLANNED COMPARISONS FOR SELF-DISCLOSURE  
 QUESTIONNAIRE DATA

Comparison	F <sub>1,66</sub> Ratio
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure, Other Disclosure (Feedback), Impersonal Empathy, and Other Empathy	4.56*
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure	.63
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Disclosure (Feedback)	3.26
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Impersonal Empathy	2.59
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Empathy	3.31

\*p ≤ .05

Finally, the conceptualization discussed above concerning the other versus third party referred factor, the metaperception versus perception factor, and their interaction was applied to the self-disclosure data in Table XVIII. Only a slight tendency is found in Table XVIII which may be interpreted only with the greatest of caution. The direct perception self-disclosure mean is 30.92 while the metaperception self-disclosure mean is 36.38. These means and the F ratio below imply the tendency for subjects to score higher on the self-

TABLE XVII

## SELF-DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE MEANS

Treatment	Nonaffective Self-disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self-disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
	31.75	28.75	33.08	36.67	36.00	36.75

disclosure questionnaire in the metaperceptual conditions. No other significant results were obtained.

TABLE XVIII

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
SELF-DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE DATA

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	77.52	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.70
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	357.52	Pooled Groups and Subjects	3.23 <sup>a</sup>
Interaction	1	38.52	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.35
Groups	8	76.96	Subjects	.65
Subjects	36	117.99		

a  $p \leq .10$

Elm's Empathy Data

All the analyses performed for the self-disclosure data were performed for the rest of the Elm's empathy data and the other questionnaire data. These analyses for the Elm's empathy data are found in Appendix H. Neither the treatments nor the groups factor accounted for a significant portion of variance in the data (Table XXXIV). There was no significant intimacy effect in the Elm's empathy data (Table

XXXV). The two factor reanalysis of the data provided evidence that none of the experimental sources of variance found account for a significant portion of the variance in the Elm's Empathy data (Table XXXVI).

#### Group Attractiveness Item

Inspection of the group attractiveness data in Appendix G indicates that in general all experimental conditions produced a high rating of attractiveness. The overall mean was 3.74. No differential treatment or group effects were found in the one factor analysis of the data (Table XXXVII, Appendix H).

Table XIX provides evidence that may be tentatively interpreted. The nonaffective self-disclosure attractiveness mean (3.67) coupled with the impersonal disclosure mean (3.50) were significantly different from the impersonal empathy condition mean (4.00) beyond the .10 level. No other planned comparisons were significant. The two factor analysis of the data (Table XXXVIII, Appendix H) provided no evidence that an experimental effect accounted for a significant portion of the variance in the attractiveness data.

#### Tendency to Cohere Item

No significant results were obtained in the tendency to cohere item data. The analyses performed are found in Appendix H, Tables XXXIX, XL, and XLI. Inspection of the tendency to cohere data indicates that all conditions produced moderately high levels of the tendency to cohere. The overall mean was 3.69.

TABLE XIX

## PLANNED COMPARISONS FOR ATTRACTIVENESS ITEM

Comparison	F <sub>1,66</sub> Ratio
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure, Other Disclosure (Feedback), Impersonal Empathy, and Other Empathy	1.76
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure	.96
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Disclosure (Feedback)	.002
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Impersonal Empathy	2.80 <sup>a</sup>
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Empathy	.96

a  $p \leq .10$

## Meaningfulness Item

No significant results were obtained in the analyses of variance of the meaningfulness data found in Tables XLII and XLIII in Appendix H. Generally, all conditions were rated as quite meaningful. The overall mean rating was 3.67. The planned comparisons in Table XX suggest, at least tentatively, that the other empathy condition was thought to be more meaningful than the nonaffective self-disclosure condition coupled with the impersonal disclosure condition.

TABLE XX

## PLANNED COMPARISONS FOR MEANINGFULNESS ITEM

Comparison	F <sub>1,66</sub>	Ratio
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure, Other Disclosure (Feedback), Impersonal Empathy, and Other Empathy	.10	
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure	.04	
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Disclosure (Feedback)	.24	
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Impersonal Empathy	.04	
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Empathy	2.89 <sup>a</sup>	

a  $p \leq .10$

## The Enjoyment Item

No significant results were obtained in any of the analyses performed on the enjoyment data. The analyses are found in Tables XLIV, XLV, and XLVI in Appendix H. Inspection of the enjoyment data in Appendix G indicates that all conditions were generally rated very positively. The mean enjoyment rating was 4.07.

## Person Perception Data

The intercorrelation matrix for the 14 person perception variables collected in the present study is found in Table XXI.

TABLE XXI

## INTERCORRELATIONS OF PERSON PERCEPTION VARIABLES\*\*

PERSON PERCEPTION VARIABLE	OSV	OV	SOV	SA	SE	CG	A	E	IO	N	CF	PO	FO	PS
OSV	1.00	.86*	.34*	-.03	.01	-.35*	-.05	.07	.04	-.22	-.15	.01	-.07	-.39*
OV		1.00	.38*	-.04	.10	-.35*	-.06	.17	-.02	-.21	-.10	-.00	-.10	-.29*
SOV			1.00	-.08	-.07	-.46*	-.10	.01	-.01	-.21	-.12	-.16	.02	-.24*
SA				1.00	.37*	.29*	.92*	.48*	.55*	.30*	.48*	.61*	.46*	.32*
SE					1.00	.03	.33*	.84*	.48*	.82*	.42*	.28*	.26*	.20*
CG						1.00	.34*	-.00	.12	.37*	.04	.18	.34*	.65*
A							1.00	.43*	.50*	.29*	.44*	.66*	.46*	.35*
E								1.00	.64*	.42*	.55*	.32*	.29*	.20*
IO									1.00	.41*	.69*	.36*	.51*	.11
N										1.00	.38*	.16	.16	.45*
CF											1.00	.27*	.31*	.04
PO												1.00	.54*	.31*
FO													1.00	.36*
PS														1.00

\*  $p \leq .05$ 

\*\* The abbreviations in this table are found in Appendix A.



The person perception variables were analyzed with the analysis of variance procedure. The significant results are found in Table XXII and Table XXIV. Nonsignificant results are found in Table XLVII and Table XLVIII in Appendix H.

TABLE XXII

SIGNIFICANT ANALYSES OF VARIANCE FOR THE  
PERSON PERCEPTION VARIABLES

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Stereotype Accuracy	Treatments	5	.35	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.58 1.51
	Groups	12	.60	Subjects	3.98*
	Subjects	54	.15		
Accuracy	Treatments	5	.21	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.63 1.66
	Groups	12	.32	Subjects	4.10*
	Subjects	54	.79		
Empathy	Treatments	5	.18	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.65 1.85
	Groups	12	.27	Subjects	4.87*
	Subjects	54	.56		

TABLE XXII (CONTINUED)

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Interpersonal Openness	Treatments	5	.21	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.63 2.09
	Groups	12	.32	Subjects	6.72*
	Subjects	54	.48		
Naivete	Treatments	5	.10	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.23 .44
	Groups	12	.41	Subjects	2.31*
	Subjects	54	.18		
Conformity	Treatments	5	.43	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	2.67 8.52*
	Groups	12	.16	Subjects	6.21*
	Subjects	54	.03		
Personal Openness	Treatments	5	.18	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.65 1.10
	Groups	12	.27	Subjects	1.98*
	Subjects	54	.14		
Felt Openness	Treatments	5	.02	Groups Pooled Groups and Subjects	.08 .22
	Groups	12	.28	Subjects	4.58*
	Subjects	54	.06		

\*p ≤ .05

Inspection of Table XXII indicates that the groups factor accounted for a significant portion of the variance in the stereotype accuracy data, the accuracy data, the empathy data, the interpersonal openness data, the naivete data, the conformity data, the personal openness data, and the felt openness data. No further analysis of this data need be done since groups is a random factor. These results assert that some groups scored significantly higher than other groups on the person perception variables listed above.

The only other significant result in Table XXII is found for the conformity data when pooled groups and subjects is the error term. For this reason it must be interpreted cautiously. The Newman-Keuls procedure was utilized to further analyze this result. The z-score means for the conformity data are found in Table XXIII.

It is clear that if one accepts the pooling of groups and subjects variance, the nonaffective self-disclosure conformity mean is lower than any other mean and the impersonal disclosure mean is lower than any other mean but nonaffective self-disclosure. In addition, the conformity mean for the impersonal empathy condition is higher than any other.

TABLE XXIII

## CONFORMITY MEANS

Treatment	Nonaffective Self-disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self-disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
	.32 <sup>a</sup>	.42 <sup>b</sup>	.63 <sup>c</sup>	.57 <sup>c</sup>	.87 <sup>d</sup>	.58 <sup>c</sup>

a, b, c, d indicates groups of means that are significantly different at the .05 level

TABLE XXIV

SIGNIFICANT TWO FACTOR ANALYSES OF VARIANCE  
FOR THE PERSON PERCEPTION DATA

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Stereotype Accuracy	Other Versus Third Party	1	.12	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.42
					.15
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.85	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	3.02
	Interaction	1	.37	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	1.32
	Groups	8	.78	Subjects	4.61*
Stereotype Empathy	Other Versus Third Party	1	.08	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.69
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.11	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.97
	Interaction	1	.65	Pooled Groups and Subjects	5.74*
	Groups	8	.12	Subjects	1.04
Accuracy	Other Versus Third Party	1	.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.11
					.04
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.36	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	2.39
	Interaction	1	.23	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.85

TABLE XXIV (CONTINUED)

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Empathy	Groups	8	.42	Subjects	4.71*
	Subjects	36	.09		
	Other Versus Third Party	1	.001	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.01 .004
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.16	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	2.01 .68
	Interaction	1	.32	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	4.10* 1.41
	Groups	8	.23	Subjects	5.08*
Interpersonal Openness	Subjects	36	.45		
	Other Versus Third Party	1	.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.09 .04
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.36	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	1.73 .86
	Interaction	1	.24	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	1.13 .56
	Groups	8	.42	Subjects	8.38*
	Subjects	36	.05		

TABLE XXIV (CONTINUED)

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Naivete	Other Versus Third Party	1	.005	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.02 .01
		1	.04	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.16 .08
	Interaction	1	.0005	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.001 .0005
	Groups	8	.53	Subjects	2.97*
	Subjects	36	.18		
Conformity	Other Versus Third Party	1	.05	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.77 .23
		1	.64	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	9.85* 2.89
	Interaction	1	.59	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	9.08* 2.66
	Groups	8	.22	Subjects	7.75*
	Subjects	36	.03		
Felt Openness	Other Versus Third Party	1	.05	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.42 .12
		1	.03	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.24 .07
	Interaction	1	.03	Pooled Groups and Subjects Groups	.25 .07

TABLE XXIV (CONTINUED)

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
	Groups	8	.38	Subjects	6.49*
	Subjects	36	.06		

Inspection of Table XXIV indicates that the group factor accounted for a significant portion of the variance in the stereotype accuracy data, the stereotype empathy data, the accuracy data, the empathy data, the interpersonal openness data, the naivete data, the conformity data, and the felt openness data. Some groups had significantly higher scores on these measures than other groups.

Table XXIV provides evidence of a significant interaction effect in the stereotype empathy data. The cell means for these data are found in Table XXV.

TABLE XXV

## CELL MEANS FOR STEREOTYPE EMPATHY

	Perception	Metaperception
Other Referred	.97	.84
Third Party Referred	.82	1.15



To further analyze this interaction effect the simple main effects of metaperception versus perception in other referred conditions and in the third party referred condition were computed. The F ratio for the metaperception versus perception effect in the other referred condition was 1.02,  $p > .25$ . The F ratio for the perceptual effect in the third party referred conditions was 5.04, significant beyond the .05 level. Thus, the metaperception condition produced higher stereotype empathy than the perceptual condition, but only within the third party referred condition.

Another significant result in Table XXIV, if one accepts the pooling of groups and subjects, is the interaction effect in the empathy data. This result again must be interpreted with great caution. The cell means for the empathy data are found in Table XXVI.

TABLE XXVI

## CELL MEANS FOR EMPATHY DATA

	Perception	Metaperception
Other Referred	.68	.63
Third Party Referred	.51	.79

To analyze this interaction effect further, the simple main effects of metaperception versus perception were computed. The F ratio for the effect of metaperception versus perception in the other referred

condition was .19,  $p > .25$ . The F ratio for the effect of metaperception versus perception in the third party referred condition was 5.92, significant beyond the .05 level. Thus, the metaperceptual condition produced higher empathy scores than the perceptual condition, but only within the third party referred condition. It is clear that both stereotype empathy and empathy show the same pattern of cell means. In fact we may be analyzing only one result since the correlation between stereotype empathy and empathy is .84 (see Table XXI).

The final significant results in Table XXVI are found in the conformity data. The interaction effect and the metaperception versus perception main effect each reached significance if one accepts the pooling of the groups and subjects variance. These results should be considered cautiously.

The conformity mean for the metaperceptual conditions was .72 while the perceptual mean was .49. These means and the significant F ratio indicate that the subjects in the metaperceptual conditions scored significantly higher on the conformity measure than did the subjects in the perceptual conditions. This main effect is entirely due to the interaction as can be seen by inspection of Table XXVII. To further analyze the interaction effect in the conformity data the simple main effects were computed. The cell means for the conformity data are found in Table XXVII.

TABLE XXVII

## CELL MEANS FOR CONFORMITY DATA

	Perception	Metaperception
Other Referred	.57	.58
Third Party Referred	.42	.87

The F ratio for the effect of metaperception versus perception in the other referred condition was .002,  $p > .25$ . The F ratio for the metaperception versus perception effect in the third party referred condition was 18.92 significant beyond the .05 level. Thus, in the metaperceptual condition subjects scored higher on the conformity measure than in the perceptual condition, but only within the third party referred condition.

## CHAPTER IV

### DISCUSSION

The response category results make one point remarkably clear. The operant group method developed by Fromme has marked effects on the verbalizations issued in groups. It clearly has the power to elicit verbalizations that would not occur if subjects were in a free conversation situation. Since group psychotherapy is predominantly a verbal phenomenon, Fromme's operant group method should be able to create a therapeutic verbal atmosphere. The present study clearly indicates that the method is able to produce significant changes in several types of self-disclosing verbalizations, feedback, and two types of empathy statements. Each of these types of statements have been thought to have therapeutic importance. When the verbal parameters of the group therapeutic situation are more clearly specified through further research, Fromme's operant technique may become an important therapeutic modality.

The response category data also tend to corroborate the author's estimation of the degree of intimacy of the response categories. The nonaffective self-disclosure and impersonal disclosure categories were used much more frequently than the other categories. These less intimate categories were easier for subjects with no prior acquaintance to use. The more intimate categories (other disclosure [feedback], self-disclosure, impersonal empathy, and other empathy) were more difficult

to use.

The reinforcement data provided evidence of a "boot strap" effect where one subject influences the group's performance. This effect has been found frequently in research concerning the operant group technique. It appears that the red lights tend to keep subjects within ten points of one another. Thus, one highly responding subject can influence the other group members to respond at a high rate.

Another interesting result in the response category data was found in the analysis of the self-disclosure verbal response category. This analysis is unique in that a condition other than direct reinforcement of the response category created a high level of response. The other empathy category produced significantly higher levels of self-disclosing responses than did the nonaffective self-disclosure and the impersonal empathy condition. Recall that the other empathy condition involved a fairly intimate type of verbalization where a subject was required to state what he/she thought another group member felt about an aspect of themselves. When a group member made such a statement, the person to whom the other empathy statement was referred generally disclosed information about him/herself that indicated that the statement was either correct or incorrect. An example might be employed to illustrate this point. One group member in the other empathy condition said to a second member, "I bet you're proud of your grade point." This occurred after the second member had disclosed nonaffective information concerning his grade point average for the last semester. The second member responded with, "I feel pretty good about it." This response clearly fits the self-disclosure category. Thus, it appears that the other empathy and the self-disclosure categories naturally exist

together. The self-disclosure category might be thought of as a response to the other empathy category.

It is interesting to note that another pair of categories appear to have a similar relationship. It would seem that an impersonal disclosure response would naturally follow an impersonal empathy response. No such tendency was found in the data, however. This might possibly be due to the fact that the intimacy level of the impersonal empathy response is much lower than the intimacy level of the other empathy response. When a group member responds with an other empathy statement, the member to whom the statement is referred is immediately strongly involved. If the statement is inaccurate, the member to whom it is referred may feel the need to acknowledge it. Since the impersonal empathy statement is less intimate, the member to whom the statement is referred is more likely to let inaccuracies go uncorrected. Also, correct impersonal empathy statements aren't highly intimate and hence do not demand acknowledgement.

Another finding concerning the self-disclosure response category data occurred in the analysis of the metaperception versus perception and the other referred versus third party referred factors. A significant trend for a higher rate of self-disclosure responses in the other referred categories as opposed to the third party referred category is seen when groups and subjects variance are pooled. One must be cautious in interpreting this effect. However, a possible explanation of this effect might make use of the intimacy concept. Other group member referred statements are clearly more intimate than third party referred statements. Also, intimate statements surely involve a higher degree of interpersonal risk than less intimate statements. If one accepts the

idea of self-disclosure's snowballing effect being analogous to the risky shift phenomenon (Higbee, 1973), one can see an explanation for self-disclosure being more frequent in an intimate condition as opposed to a less intimate one. Since intimacy is a type of valued interpersonal risk, group members in an intimate situation should respond with high levels of interpersonal risk. One way to do this would be frequent use of the self-disclosure category.

Analysis of the self-disclosure questionnaire data provided findings related to the discussion above. Self-disclosure again appeared to be at least moderately related to the intimacy dimension. The less intimate categories (nonaffective self-disclosure and impersonal disclosure) produced lower self-disclosure scores than did the more intimate categories (other disclosure [feedback], self-disclosure, impersonal empathy, and other empathy). Again, we see that self-disclosure is related to the intimacy of the interaction. This finding does not appear to be extremely potent since there was no significant treatment effect and only one overall planned comparison was significant. It is possible that the self-disclosure questionnaire is not actually as intimate a type of self-disclosure as is a self-disclosure response. If one looks at the items in the self-disclosure questionnaire it is clear that they are comprised of historical data and other types of information concerning the self. If this information were verbalized the statement would fit the nonaffective self-disclosure category predominantly. Thus, the Jourard measure of self-disclosure is not as intimate as are self-disclosure responses. It may be, for this reason, that stronger effects on self-disclosure questionnaire data were not observed.

This idea is further corroborated by the findings concerning the metaperception versus perception and the other referred versus third party referred factors in the self-disclosure questionnaire data. No significant third party versus other effect was found. Since this factor is strongly related to intimacy, as is discussed above, and since the self-disclosure questionnaire does not concern extremely intimate content, no effect would be expected. However, tendency toward a higher self-disclosure score in the metaperceptual conditions as compared to the direct perceptual conditions was observed. It is possible that when self-disclosure involves informational content, as the self-disclosure questionnaire does, the probability of being understood may influence disclosure. It is probable that one would feel more likely to be understood in the metaperceptual conditions than in the direct perceptual conditions. This is the case since in the metaperceptual conditions empathic statements are more frequent. Thus, the tendency to disclose information would be expected to be high since the empathic statements of others would make it seem highly probable that one would be heard and understood.

Analysis of the Elm's Empathy Scale provided no significant results. It is possible that this measure was not tapping the appropriate kind of empathy. The Elm's measures, on the face of it, the ability to mentally put one's self in another's place. In the present study, empathy involved the actual verbalization of an empathic thought. This, of course, is much more difficult to do than merely thinking how another must feel. Thus, the empathy scale is not strongly related to the empathy treatments in the present study.



The cohesiveness measures (the attractiveness item and the tendency to cohere item) provided only one significant result. The aspect of cohesiveness measured by the attractiveness item was slightly greater in the impersonal empathy condition than in the nonaffective self-disclosure and the impersonal disclosure conditions. Thus, impersonal empathy statements may foster group cohesiveness more than less intimate statements.

Only one result was obtained in the enjoyment and meaningfulness item data. The other empathy condition was rated as more meaningful than the nonaffective self-disclosure condition coupled with the impersonal disclosure condition. Although none of the other dependent variables were affected in this way, subjects still felt the category was meaningful. The intimacy of the condition may produce this high evaluation by subjects.

Significant effects were also found in the person perception data. First, the impersonal empathy subjects' conformity scores, a measure of the degree to which one's judgement of others conforms to the group's judgements of others, were significantly higher than the scores of other subjects' scores. This result was only seen when groups and subjects variability was pooled, however. For this reason, the result must be regarded as tentative. The finding, however, would seem quite logical since the impersonal empathy condition reinforced empathic statements. Specifically, this condition had a high level of statements where subjects verbalized what they thought other group members felt about third parties. This is essentially attempting to know how another group member feels. To the extent that group members are able to know how other group members feel, is exactly the extent to which

they are able to conform. This analysis raises one question, however. Why didn't the subjects in the other empathy condition conform? The answer may lie in the very small number of other empathy statements that were actually issued in the other empathy condition. Since few statements were issued, subjects were not able to actually know how other group members felt. Possibly, for this reason they were unable to conform. Another possibility is the intimacy of the other empathy condition. The intimacy of this condition may have resulted in a high level of emotional arousal. Extreme arousal has often been shown to decrease performance. In this case, emotional arousal may have resulted in poor formation of clear person percepts. Since subjects' percepts were not clear, there was no way to conform to those percepts.

The conformity scores were significantly lower in the nonaffective self-disclosure condition than in any other condition. This seems logical since subjects in this condition verbalized many nonaffective, somewhat trivial pieces of information. Thus, subjects were unable to conform since they knew little about each others' feelings.

The subjects in the impersonal disclosure condition scored significantly lower than any other condition except the nonaffective self-disclosure condition. Subjects in this condition were able to learn more about each others' feelings and hence were able to conform to a higher level than nonaffective self-disclosure subjects. However, they were able to learn only slightly more and they remained significantly lower than the more intimate conditions.

The conformity data analysis also found metaperceptual conditions to create more conformity than the direct perceptual conditions. Again, this is quite logical since metaperception is the perception of

the perceptions of others. If one can know the perceptions of another then he/she is able to conform to those perceptions. Direct perception does not focus on the perceptions of others and hence cannot foster conformity to those perceptions.

Two other person perception variables, stereotype empathy and empathy, also yielded significant results. Stereotype empathy, how accurately subjects predict how the "average other" sees him/herself, is strongly correlated (.84) with empathy, how accurately a subject predicted how others see themselves. For this reason, they will be considered together. Both variables yielded a similar pattern of results. In each, metaperception created higher scores than perception, but only when the referent was a third party. (This pattern also occurred in the conformity data. This, however, was not due solely to a correlation with the empathy and stereotype empathy measures since these correlations were not excessive, .55 and .42 respectively).

The patterns of empathy and stereotype empathy may be explained in a fashion similar to the one forwarded for conformity. Both the impersonal empathy condition and the other empathy condition essentially involved practice in knowing the feelings of others. The other disclosure (feedback), and impersonal disclosure conditions did not. If just this were considered one would expect the impersonal empathy and other empathy subjects to have higher empathy scores than the other disclosure (feedback) and the impersonal disclosure subjects. However, the other empathy condition was quite intimate and may have resulted in highly aroused emotions which may have decreased the formation of clear percepts. Also, the other empathy category was not used at a high rate and for this reason there was less practice in knowing the feelings of

others. Thus, only the impersonal empathy condition showed high levels of empathy and stereotype empathy.

It is well now to reflect on the possible mistakes made in the present study in order that future research may not make them again. Several problems may have limited the number of significant results. The first problem with the present study is large group effects in the data other than reinforceable responses. (Reinforceable response group effects are a result of the conditioning technique as is discussed above). Group effects, in part, comprise the error term for the more interesting experimental effects. For this reason, large group effects obscure experimental effects. In further research dealing with the operant group method, this problem might be dealt with in two ways. The first and perhaps the best way to deal with this problem is to form groups in such a way as to make them equivalent in terms of several personality variables. Perhaps forming groups on the basis of scores on such instruments as the MMPI, the 16-PF, or some other personality test might minimize group variance. Another similar method to reduce group variance would be to form groups on the basis of FIRO-B compatibility. This was actually done by Fromme and Close (1976). The second way to deal with the group variance might be to use group scores as a covariate.

A second problem with the present study was the subject population used. The experimental procedure required subjects to respond verbally in intimate and seemingly meaningful ways. This, of course, requires a high level of commitment on the part of the subjects. The author strongly doubts that the minimal class credit received for participation in this study provided sufficient incentive for subjects to make such a

commitment. This is especially true when receiving class credit was contingent on attendance, not on meaningful participation. At any rate, a more appropriate subject population might be chosen. Perhaps members of therapy or growth groups might possibly be enlisted as subjects. They would surely have a higher commitment because it is likely that they would receive personal gain for meaningful participation. This is certainly a more appropriate incentive in a group therapy analogue than is minimal class credit.

Thirdly, the present study may have failed to obtain more results because of the measures used. Aside from the Elm's Empathy Scale and the Jourard Self-disclosure Questionnaire, each of the measures used was unvalidated and of unproven reliability. Most had never been used before. This, of course, is not to say that the measures used are not good ones. It only means that the author was not certain from the outset that they were adequate. This certainly would place the present study in the high risk category. It would be well to obtain validity and reliability data on these measures before they are utilized in further studies.

The fourth and perhaps most important mistake made in the present study is the use of only one group session. That tentative results were obtained with only one session points to the strength of the operant group method. It is probable that more striking, less tentative results would be obtained by use of several group sessions. This author would recommend strongly that future research in the area use as many sessions as pragmatic concerns will allow.

In sum, the operant group method was shown to be effective in altering the verbal behavior of group members. High levels of the

reinforced verbal response categories were created when compared with free conversation. A behavioral measure of self-disclosure found other referred conditions to be superior to third party referred conditions in fostering self-disclosure. A pencil and paper questionnaire measure of self-disclosure found highly intimate conditions to produce higher levels of self-disclosure than less intimate conditions. Also, this measure found that metaperceptual conditions fostered self-disclosure more than perceptual conditions. Cohesiveness, as measured by an attractiveness item, was higher in the impersonal empathy condition than in less intimate conditions. Subjects saw the other empathy condition as more meaningful than the less intimate conditions. Finally, a pencil and paper questionnaire found conformity, empathy, and stereotype empathy to be higher in the externally referred empathy (or metaperceptual) condition than in the external self-disclosure (or perceptual) condition.

Finally, the results tend to indicate in general that impersonal empathy statements are superior to other statements in the operant group setting. It may be, however, that use of a number of group sessions would result in different findings. In the author's view, other empathy might provide even stronger effects than impersonal empathy if the initial emotional arousal of subjects was reduced. This might occur over time through familiarity with group members and the response category. Reduced arousal might possibly allow for very clear formation of person percepts since it would be coupled with high intimacy. It is not only the author's opinion that other empathy may have meaningful effects. Subjects also tended to rate this condition as more meaningful than less intimate conditions. At any rate, it is

the author's firm subjective impression that the other empathy condition produced a meaningful and an intimate type of interaction. One theoretical position that might be of relevance to the present discussion was presented by Cozby (1973). Cozby suggested that self-disclosure was related to mental health in a curvilinear fashion. Specifically, both extremely high and extremely low disclosers were likely to exhibit low mental health while moderate disclosers were likely to exhibit high mental health. If mental health and the intimacy of interactions are related in the same way, a possible explanation for the lack of results in the other empathy condition comes to light. The other empathy condition is possibly too intimate for an initial group session. Other empathy would then be related to reduced mental health rather than greater mental health. This would be true only for initial sessions, however. As more intimate material became more acceptable to group members in later sessions, other empathy might possibly be more appropriate and thus be related to improved mental health.

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## APPENDIX A

### Outline of Measures of Person Perceptions in Groups

1. Congruence (CG): degree to which one rates others as they are perceived rating oneself (perceived behavior exchange).
2. Accuracy (A): degree to which a person can predict how others perceive him (self accuracy).
3. Empathy (E): degree to which a person can predict how others see themselves (other accuracy).
4. Interpersonal Openness (IO): degree to which others can predict your rating of them (reflects degree to which one is understood).
5. Personal Openness (PO): degree to which others can predict one's self concept (reflects degree to which one is understood).
6. Felt Openness (FO): degree to which one predicts that others agree with one's self perception (reflects degree to which one feels understood).
7. Perceived Similarity (PS): degree to which one rates oneself similar to others.
8. Naivete (N): degree to which one rates others as they are perceived rating themselves (reflects acceptance of others self presentations).
9. Conformity (CF): degree to which ones' judgement of others conforms to the group's judgements (encompasses empathy; low CF requires other accuracy, plus conformity).
10. Other Variance (OV): the variance in a person's other ratings.
11. Self as Other Variance (SOV): the variance in a person's self as other ratings.
12. Other's Self Variance (OSV): the variance in a person's other's self ratings.

13. Stereotype Accuracy (SA): degree to which a person can predict how "average other" perceives him/her.
14. Stereotype Empathy (SE): how accurately subjects predict how "average other" sees him/herself.

## APPENDIX B

### VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### Verbal Instructions Given Prior to Free Conversation

This experiment is designed to study the way people get to know each other. In previous experimnts we've found that the types of statements people use to get to know one another can greatly effect the way they feel about one another. This experiment will study several important types of statements.

Before I explain about the equipment on the table and the type of statement I'd like you to use, I want you to spend ten minutes talking in the same way you would if this group were to meet outside this experiment. I need to find out how your normal way of getting to know one another differs from the way you will use later in the experiment. I'll be monitoring your conversation through the microphone from behind the one-way mirror. I want you to get to know each other as you would normally. Are there any questions? (Experimenter answers any questions briefly). O.K., for the next ten minutes try to get to know each other in the way you would if you had met outside the experiment.

#### Verbal Instructions Given After the Free Conversation

These cards (experimenter gives verbal response category cards to each subject) are specific statements of just one of the types of expressions that people can use to get to know each other. Read your

card silently while I read it aloud (experimenter reads appropriate card). Now I would like to give you some examples of this category so that you can understand exactly what the category is like (experimenter reads and discusses appropriate examples).

#### Nonaffective Self-disclosure Condition

1. I am from Enid.
2. I played basketball in high school.
3. I went skiing over Christmas break.
4. My grade point was 3.00 last semester.

This type of statement can be helpful in getting to know one another in intimate and important ways. When you express information about yourself people are better able to relate to you since they really know who you are. You should avoid expressing feelings about this information, however. When a person expresses positive feelings about him/herself, he/she is bragging. When someone expresses negative feelings about him/herself, he/she is putting him/herself down. When you express information about yourself in a noncommittal fashion people tend to like you better because you trust them enough to let them make their own decisions about you. Because of this, expressing information about yourself without expressing feelings can be the basis of a trusting relationship.

#### Impersonal Disclosure Condition

1. I feel happy about being here with you.
2. I enjoyed my instructor's comments.

3. I hate spinach.
4. Math isn't my favorite subject.

This type of statement can be very useful in getting to know one another in intimate and important ways. When you tell people how you feel about things you are showing that you trust them with these important feelings. This can be the start of a trusting relationship. Also, this kind of disclosure helps people know who you are, what you like, and what you dislike. When others know these things about you, they are better able to relate to you. They can better appreciate your positive feelings. They can also help you with negative feelings. Finally, expressing feelings can help you to learn more about these feelings. By verbalizing them you may heighten your awareness of them.

#### Self-disclosure Condition

1. I like my ability to relate well with others.
2. I'm confident with my academic ability.
3. I wish I were better looking.
4. I hate the fact that I lied to my friend.

This type of statement can be very useful in getting to know one another in intimate and important ways. When you tell people how you feel about yourself, you are showing that you trust them with these important feelings. This can be the start of a trusting relationship. Also, this kind of disclosure helps people know who you are, what you like about yourself, and what you dislike about yourself. When others know these things about you, they are better able to relate to you. They can better appreciate your positive aspects and your positive feelings about yourself. They can also help you with the negative



aspects of yourself and your feelings about them. Finally, expressing feelings about yourself can help you to learn more about yourself. By verbalizing these feelings, you may heighten your awareness of these feelings.

#### Other Disclosure (Feedback) Condition

1. I like you.
2. You look very nice today.
3. You aren't a very friendly person.
4. I think you're a loud mouth.

This type of statement can be very useful in getting to know one another in intimate and important ways. When you tell other people how you feel about them, you are clearly communicating important information about your relationship with them. If something about another is annoying to you, it is important to communicate this to that person. Unless the person knows you're annoyed about something, he can do nothing about it. On the other hand, if another person is doing something very pleasing to you, it is also important for him/her to know. By communicating your positive feelings to the other person, you have rewarded the person and made him/her feel good. In this way it becomes extremely likely that the person will continue to behave in the same pleasing way. Finally, expressing your feelings about a person directly to that person shows that you are able to openly communicate about your relationship with him/her. This type of verbalization fosters an open relationship where things are not hidden but are brought out in the open and worked through.

Impersonal Empathy Condition

1. I think you like most people.
2. I think you dislike your home town.
3. I think you're happy to be part of the group.
4. You look nervous.

This type of statement can be very helpful in getting to know one another in intimate and important ways. Using this type of verbalization is an attempt to know how a person feels, to really try to get into his/her shoes for a time. The effort to understand another person's feelings is perhaps the most important thing we have to give another person. This type of statement shows the other person that you care for him/her. The person who uses this kind of statement is certain to be a nice person to be around since it is extremely unlikely that such a person would hurt another. He/she is unlikely to hurt someone intentionally since he/she is a caring person. Also, he/she is unlikely to hurt someone unintentionally since he/she is a person who tries to understand the feelings of others. Finally, the use of this type of statement is likely to cause others to use them also. When a person shows he cares about the feelings of another person, the other is more likely to care about his/her feelings.

Other Empathy Condition

1. I think you really like yourself.
2. I think you're getting down on yourself.
3. You must feel very good about your ability to make people like you.
4. I think you have confidence in yourself.

This type of statement can be very helpful in getting to know one another in intimate and important ways. Using this type of verbalization is an attempt to know how a person feels about himself, to really try to get into his/her shoes for a time. The effort to understand another person's feelings is perhaps the most important thing we have to give another person. This type of statement shows the other person that you care for him/her. The person who uses this kind of statement is certain to be a nice person to be around since it is extremely unlikely that such a person would hurt another. He/she is unlikely to hurt someone intentionally since he/she is a caring person. Also, he/she is unlikely to hurt someone unintentionally since he/she is a person who tries to understand the feelings of others. Finally, the use of this type of statement is likely to cause others to use them also. When a person shows he cares about the feelings of another person, the other is more likely to care about his/her feelings.

I know that using statements in this category may be difficult for some of you but your efforts in using the category can have beneficial results. You may come to know the members of this group better and you may also increase your own social skills. Because of these possible benefits, your attempts to use this category sincerely can really pay off. To make sure that each of you understands the type of statement that I'm talking about I want to go through a short exercise. First, I want you to gaze into the eyes of the person next to you. I know that this is not the normal way of getting acquainted but we've found it is a very good way to start these groups. The two people on the

right side of the table should turn your chairs toward one another and gaze into one another's eyes (experimenter waits until subjects comply). The two people on the left side of the table should also turn your chairs toward each other and gaze into one another's eyes (experimenter waits until subjects comply). Focus on the feelings that you and your partner are having as you go through this exercise. (For experimental groups only) think about how you can verbalize these feelings by use of one of the types of statements we've talked about. (Exercise continues for ten seconds. After this time with subjects still gazing into one another's eyes each person is asked to verbalize an appropriate statement. If any subject is unable to make an appropriate statement the experimenter prompts the subject until he/she is able to do so. If prompting does not elicit a response, an appropriate statement is supplied by the experimenter).

For the purpose of this experiment it would be helpful if you could each use as many statements of the type we've just talked about as you can in your conversation in the next fifty minutes. I realize that it is impossible to have every statement you make fit the category and still maintain a good conversation. I don't expect you to use the category all the time. Also, don't say something just to fit the category if you don't mean it. Try very hard to use the category in a sincere way. The beneficial effects of the use of this category can only be obtained if you use the category honestly and sincerely.

Whenever someone makes a statement fitting this category, I will activate the counter in front of that person. It makes a click which will let you know that you are in fact using an appropriate kind of statement in your interaction. The counter registers your total and if

anyone falls ten points behind the person with the most counts, the red light on his/her counter will be turned on. This will be a sign that either this person may need assistance in using the appropriate statements, or that someone is dominating the conversation. If no one gets a click for three minutes, all the lights will flash on; and they will do so every three-minute period until a click is registered. This will be a sign that the group as a whole is not using appropriate statements and that you should change the nature of your interaction.

I realize that the apparatus makes for an artificial situation, but it's the least distracting non-disruptive way we have found to give you information concerning your interactions while those interactions are taking place.

Finally, I want to tell you that I will again be monitoring the group through the one-way mirror and the microphone. What you say will be used only for the purpose of this study and will be kept strictly confidential.

APPENDIX C

COHESIVENESS, ENJOYMENT AND MEANINGFULNESS ITEMS

On the four seven point scales found below you should rate the way you see the group. Give the group a rating of 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 by making an "X" in the appropriate blank. To help you make your decision about the rating, 0 and 6 have been defined below.

6	5	4	3	2	1	0
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6 means, "The people in this group are extremely attractive to me."						0 means, "The people in this group are not very attractive to me."

6	5	4	3	2	1	0
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6 means, "I would very much like to continue contact with this group of people when the experiment is over."						0 means, "I wouldn't care to continue contact with these people when the experiment is over."

6	5	4	3	2	1	0
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6 means, "The group interaction has been meaningful to me personally."						0 means, "The group interaction has not been meaningful to me personally."

6	5	4	3	2	1	0
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6 means, "This group experience has been enjoyable to me."						0 means, "This group experience has not been enjoyable to me."

## APPENDIX D

### SELF-DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE

Rate each statement. A rating of 0 means "I would tell this group nothing about this aspect of me or I would lie to them." One means "I would talk in general terms about this aspect." Two means "I would talk in full and complete detail about this aspect."

1. What I think and feel about religion; my personal religious views.
2. My views on the present government--the president, government, policies, etc.
3. My personal views on sexual morality - how I feel that I and others ought to behave in sexual matters.
4. The things that I regard as desirable for a man to be - what I look for in a man.
5. My favorite reading matter.
6. The style of house, and the kinds of furnishings that I like best.
7. The kind of party, or social gathering that I like best, and the kind that would bore me, or that I wouldn't enjoy.
8. My favorite ways of spending spare time, e.g., hunting, reading, cards, sports events, parties, dancing, etc.
9. What I would appreciate most for a present.
10. What I find to be the worst pressures and strains in my work.
11. What I feel are my shortcomings and handicaps that prevent me from getting further ahead in my work.
12. What I feel are my special strong points and qualifications for my work.

13. My ambitions and goals in my work.
14. How I feel about the choice of career that I have made - whether or not I'm satisfied with it.
15. Whether or not I owe money; if so, how much.
16. The aspects of my personality that I dislike, worry about, that I regard as a handicap to me.
17. What feelings, if any, that I have trouble expressing or controlling.
18. The facts of my present sex life - including knowledge of how I get sexual gratification; any problems that I might have; with whom I have relations, if anybody.
19. Whether or not I feel that I am attractive to the opposite sex; my problems, if any, about getting favorable attention from the opposite sex.
20. Things in the past or present that I feel ashamed and guilty about.
21. The kinds of things that make me just furious.
22. What it takes to get me feeling real depressed or blue.
23. What it takes to get me real worried, anxious, and afraid.
24. What it takes to hurt my feelings deeply.
25. The kinds of things that make me especially proud of myself, elated, full of self-esteem or self-respect.
26. My feelings about the appearance of my face - things I don't like, and things that I might like about my face and head - eyes, nose, hair, teeth, etc.
27. How I wish I looked: my ideals for overall appearance.
28. Whether or not I now have any health problems - e.g., trouble with sleep, digestion, female complaints, heart condition, allergies, headaches, piles, etc.
29. Whether or not I have any long-range worries or concerns about my health, e.g., cancer, ulcers, heart trouble.
30. My feelings about my adequacy in sexual behavior - whether or not I feel able to perform adequately in sex relationships.



APPENDIX E

ELM'S EMPATHIC FANTASY SCALE

1. When I read an interesting story or novel, I imagine how I would feel if the events in the story were happening to me.  
(circle one number)

extremely true	moderately true	neutral	moderately false	extremely false
1	2	3	4	5

2. When I see strangers, I almost never try to imagine what they are thinking.

1	2	3	4	5
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3. I like to imagine myself as being various different types of persons.

1	2	3	4	5
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4. I usually feel that I know exactly what mood my friends are in, even when nothing is said in words.

1	2	3	4	5
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5. I find it hard to imagine how a poor southern negro feels about white people.

1	2	3	4	5
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6. It's hard for me to act as if I'm a different kind of person than I really am.

1	2	3	4	5
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7. After acting in a play myself, or seeing a play or movie, I have felt partly as though I were one of the characters.

1	2	3	4	5
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8. When I disagree with a person, I do not try to feel in my own mind the reason why the person holds an opinion different from mine.

1	2	3	4	5
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9. I often try to guess what people are thinking, before they tell me.

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

10. A person can't really know what is going on inside someone else's head.

1                      2                      3                      4                      5

APPENDIX F

GROUP PERCEPTIONS TEST

On each of a number of areas, you are to make ratings describing:

1. how you see yourself; 2. how you see each of the other group members; 3. your prediction or guess about how each group member sees you; 4. your prediction or guess about how each group member sees him/herself. These last two tasks, predicting the others' ratings, can be rather difficult. They require you to put yourself in the other group members' shoes and imagine how you appear to them and how they see themselves. Please take your time and try your very best. This information can lead to a better understanding of how people come to know one another.

Your task is to rate the degree to which one of two adjectives, opposite in meaning, is descriptive of the person or viewpoint being rated. E.g., a sample item might be:

	Very		Moderately		Neutral		Moderately		Very	
<u>KIND</u> :	A	:	B	:	C	:	D	:	E	: <u>CRUEL</u>

You might see yourself as very kind and so should mark the "A" column on the IBM card. You might see the person sitting in Chair 2 as moderately cruel and mark the "D" column for the appropriate item. If you predict that the person in Chair 3 sees you neutral on this scale, mark the appropriate "C". All marks must be made with number 2 pencils and should be a single, dark line through the center of the "circle".

You have been provided with a card, listing each group members' name and the number of the chair in which he/she was sitting. Please refer to this card so that you will know to whom each item refers. The items below describe the person for whom ratings or predictions are made only by the Chair Number. Items which refer to your own chair number have been marked out and should be skipped.

Please keep your answers confidential and discuss the test only with the experimenter. Please do not mark on this booklet. Do you have any questions?

STRONG:      Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very  
                   A :            B            :      C            :      D            :      E            : WEAK

1. How strong/weak do you see yourself?
2. How strong/weak do you see the person in Chair 1?
3. How strong/weak do you see the person in Chair 2?
4. How strong/weak do you see the person in Chair 3?
5. How strong/weak do you see the person in Chair 4?
6. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 1 see you?
7. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 2 see you?
8. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 3 see you?
9. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 4 see you?
10. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
11. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
12. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
13. How strong/weak does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very

FRIENDLY:      A    :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : HOSTILE

14. How friendly/hostile do you see yourself?
15. How friendly/hostile do you see the person in Chair 1?
16. How friendly/hostile do you see the person in Chair 2?
17. How friendly/hostile do you see the person in Chair 3?
18. How friendly/hostile do you see the person in Chair 4?
19. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 1 see you?
20. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 2 see you?
21. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 3 see you?
22. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 4 see you?
23. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
24. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
25. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
26. How friendly/hostile does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very

PASSIVE:      A    :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : ACTIVE

27. How passive/active do you see yourself?
28. How passive/active do you see the person in Chair 1?
29. How passive/active do you see the person in Chair 2?
30. How passive/active do you see the person in Chair 3?
31. How passive/active do you see the person in Chair 4?
32. How passive/active does the person in Chair 1 see you?
33. How passive/active does the person in Chair 2 see you?
34. How passive/active does the person in Chair 3 see you?
35. How passive/active does the person in Chair 4 see you?

36. How passive/active does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
37. How passive/active does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
38. How passive/active does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
39. How passive/active does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very  
GOOD:      A      :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : BAD

40. How good/bad do you see yourself?
41. How good/bad do you see the person in Chair 1?
42. How good/bad do you see the person in Chair 2?
43. How good/bad do you see the person in Chair 3?
44. How good/bad do you see the person in Chair 4?
45. How good/bad does the person in Chair 1 see you?
46. How good/bad does the person in Chair 2 see you?
47. How good/bad does the person in Chair 3 see you?
48. How good/bad does the person in Chair 4 see you?
49. How good/bad does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
50. How good/bad does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
51. How good/bad does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
52. How good/bad does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very  
DOMINANT:      A      :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : SUBMISSIVE

53. How dominant/submissive do you see yourself?
54. How dominant/submissive do you see the person in Chair 1?
55. How dominant/submissive do you see the person in Chair 2?
56. How dominant/submissive do you see the person in Chair 3?
57. How dominant/submissive do you see the person in Chair 4?

58. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 1 see you?
59. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 2 see you?
60. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 3 see you?
61. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 4 see you?
62. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
63. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
64. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
65. How dominant/submissive does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

COLD:        Very        Moderately        Neutral        Moderately        Very  
                  A        :        B        :        C        :        D        :        E        : WARM

66. How cold/warm do you see yourself?
67. How cold/warm do you see the person in Chair 1?
68. How cold/warm do you see the person in Chair 2?
69. How cold/warm do you see the person in Chair 3?
70. How cold/warm do you see the person in Chair 4?
71. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 1 see you?
72. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 2 see you?
73. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 3 see you?
74. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 4 see you?
75. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
76. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
77. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
78. How cold/warm does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

IMPULSIVE:        Very        Moderately        Neutral        Moderately        Very  
                  A        :        B        :        C        :        D        :        E        : CAUTIOUS

79. How impulsive/cautious do you see yourself?
80. How impulsive/cautious do you see the person in Chair 1?

81. How impulsive/cautious do you see the person in Chair 2?
82. How impulsive/cautious do you see the person in Chair 3?
83. How impulsive/cautious do you see the person in Chair 4?
84. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 1 see you?
85. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 2 see you?
86. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 3 see you?
87. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 4 see you?
88. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
89. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
90. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
91. How impulsive/cautious does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very

DULL:      A    :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : INTELLIGENT

92. How dull/intelligent do you see yourself?
93. How dull/intelligent do you see the person in Chair 1?
94. How dull/intelligent do you see the person in Chair 2?
95. How dull/intelligent do you see the person in Chair 3?
96. How dull/intelligent do you see the person in Chair 4?
97. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 1 see you?
98. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 2 see you?
99. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 3 see you?
100. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 4 see you?
101. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
102. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
103. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
104. How dull/intelligent does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?



Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very  
HOMELY:      A    :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : ATTRACTIVE

105. How homely/attractive do you see yourself?
106. How homely/attractive do you see the person in Chair 1?
107. How homely/attractive do you see the person in Chair 2?
108. How homely/attractive do you see the person in Chair 3?
109. How homely/attractive do you see the person in Chair 4?
110. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 1 see you?
111. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 2 see you?
112. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 3 see you?
113. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 4 see you?
114. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
115. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
116. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
117. How homely/attractive does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

Very      Moderately      Neutral      Moderately      Very  
OPEN:      A    :      B      :      C      :      D      :      E      : CLOSED

118. How open/closed do you see yourself?
119. How open/closed do you see the person in Chair 1?
120. How open/closed do you see the person in Chair 2?
121. How open/closed do you see the person in Chair 3?
122. How open/closed do you see the person in Chair 4?
123. How open/closed does the person in Chair 1 see you?
124. How open/closed does the person in Chair 2 see you?
125. How open/closed does the person in Chair 3 see you?
126. How open/closed does the person in Chair 4 see you?

127. How open/closed does the person in Chair 1 see him/herself?
128. How open/closed does the person in Chair 2 see him/herself?
129. How open/closed does the person in Chair 3 see him/herself?
130. How open/closed does the person in Chair 4 see him/herself?

APPENDIX G

THE DATA

TABLE XXVIII

REINFORCEMENT DATA

Condition	Group	Subject	Free Conversation	First Ten Minutes	Second Ten Minutes	Third Ten Minutes	Fourth Ten Minutes	Fifth Ten Minutes
Nonaffective	1	1	16	13	14	11	13	16
Self-	1	2	9	7	12	17	16	17
disclosure	1	3	10	9	9	22	14	13
	1	4	16	9	16	20	9	17
	2	1	8	8	10	15	15	10
	2	2	8	13	18	20	14	14
	2	3	12	7	20	15	16	7
	2	4	13	16	15	21	17	12
	3	1	13	13	19	23	17	11
	3	2	7	20	20	18	18	15
	3	3	10	13	21	16	21	16
	3	4	27	15	19	17	19	19

TABLE XXVIII (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Free Conversation	First Ten Minutes	Second Ten Minutes	Third Ten Minutes	Fourth Ten Minutes	Fifth Ten Minutes
Impersonal Disclosure	1	1	3	11	9	13	13	12
	1	2	6	8	11	10	13	6
	1	3	1	8	3	11	16	9
	1	4	8	11	1	14	12	9
	2	1	0	11	11	11	21	21
	2	2	3	9	14	17	13	20
	2	3	14	19	11	10	21	20
	2	4	8	15	9	16	16	25
	3	1	2	10	10	11	11	5
	3	2	7	14	13	7	11	11
	3	3	0	9	9	2	6	2
	3	4	3	17	12	14	9	8
	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	1	1	0	3	6	4	13
1		2	0	2	5	2	6	8
1		3	0	2	4	3	6	6
1		4	0	4	0	1	7	9
2		1	0	5	2	6	7	10
2		2	0	6	3	6	7	8
2		3	0	2	1	2	3	3
2		4	0	2	1	3	3	5
3		1	1	4	2	6	4	3
3		2	0	1	1	4	2	5
3		3	0	1	1	1	2	3
3		4	0	2	2	4	2	3

TABLE XXVIII (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Free Conversation	First Ten Minutes	Second Ten Minutes	Third Ten Minutes	Fourth Ten Minutes	Fifth Ten Minutes	
Self- disclosure	1	1	0	3	3	3	5	5	
	1	2	1	1	3	4	8	11	
	1	3	1	1	1	3	5	5	
	1	4	0	1	1	1	3	6	
	2	1	1	5	0	2	2	0	
	2	2	0	12	2	1	3	2	
	2	3	0	2	3	1	1	1	
	2	4	0	3	1	2	1	0	
	3	1	0	2	3	3	1	2	
	3	2	0	4	4	3	0	2	
	3	3	0	2	3	2	2	3	
	3	4	3	8	6	2	2	2	
	Impersonal Empathy	1	1	0	3	1	1	2	1
		1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0
1		3	0	2	1	2	1	1	
1		4	0	2	2	2	1	3	
2		1	0	5	1	2	0	1	
2		2	0	1	0	1	0	2	
2		3	0	3	1	3	2	3	
2		4	3	6	2	2	2	2	
3		1	0	2	0	5	0	1	
3		2	0	6	6	4	3	3	
3		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3		4	1	2	4	2	2	4	

TABLE XXVIII (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Free Conversation	First Ten Minutes	Second Ten Minutes	Third Ten Minutes	Fourth Ten Minutes	Fifth Ten Minutes
Other	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Empathy	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	1
	1	4	0	2	2	3	3	3
	2	1	0	1	0	3	0	0
	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
	2	3	0	3	0	2	0	1
	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
	3	3	0	2	3	1	1	1
	3	4	0	1	0	1	0	0

TABLE XXIX

## QUESTIONNAIRE DATA

Condition	Group	Subject	Self-disclosure Score	Empathy Score	Attractiveness	Tendency		
						to Cohere	Meaning	Enjoyment
Nonaffective Self- disclosure	1	1	24	39	2	4	4	4
	1	2	22	35	3	4	3	5
	1	3	34	30	4	4	3	4
	1	4	39	40	5	4	4	4
	2	1	31	25	4	3	2	4
	2	2	22	39	4	3	3	4
	2	3	59	35	3	4	4	4
	2	4	38	34	3	4	4	4
	3	1	26	32	3	4	4	4
	3	2	23	34	4	4	4	4
	3	3	35	37	4	5	4	5
	3	4	28	40	4	4	4	4
	Impersonal Disclosure	1	1	32	33	4	4	4
1		2	38	34	4	4	4	4
1		3	30	37	3	3	3	4
1		4	28	29	4	4	3	4
2		1	30	29	3	3	2	2
2		2	38	41	3	4	5	5
2		3	22	42	3	2	3	3
2		4	29	35	3	3	4	4
3		1	27	34	4	4	4	4
3		2	28	38	4	4	4	4
3		3	24	32	3	3	4	4
3		4	19	34	4	4	4	4

TABLE XXIX (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Self-disclosure Score	Empathy Score	Attractiveness	Tendency to Cohere	Meaning	Enjoyment
Other	1	1	29	35	4	4	4	5
Disclosure	1	2	42	36	5	5	3	5
(Feedback)	1	3	12	33	4	5	4	5
	1	4	22	31	5	4	5	4
	2	1	41	43	4	3	3	4
	2	2	43	31	4	4	3	3
	2	3	14	46	3	3	2	4
	2	4	37	32	3	4	2	3
	3	1	39	31	4	5	5	5
	3	2	32	29	2	2	4	4
	3	3	26	37	4	3	4	4
	3	4	60	36	4	5	4	5
Self- disclosure	1	1	38	38	3	3	3	3
	1	2	34	31	4	4	4	5
	1	3	26	42	4	3	4	4
	1	4	41	29	2	3	4	4
	2	1	25	30	4	4	3	5
	2	2	40	34	4	4	4	5
	2	3	43	37	3	3	4	4
	2	4	29	40	4	2	2	2
	3	1	33	37	4	3	4	2
	3	2	37	36	3	3	4	4
	3	3	49	29	4	3	3	3
	3	4	45	25	4	4	3	3



TABLE XXIX (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Self-disclosure Score	Empathy Score	Attractiveness	Tendency to Cohere	Meaning	Enjoyment
Impersonal Empathy	1	1	21	34	4	4	4	4
	1	2	46	44	3	3	2	4
	1	3	46	37	5	4	5	5
	1	4	39	38	3	2	3	4
	2	1	42	41	4	4	4	4
	2	2	40	36	4	4	4	4
	2	3	23	39	4	4	3	5
	2	4	29	37	5	5	3	5
	3	1	28	38	4	4	3	4
	3	2	39	31	4	4	5	4
	3	3	40	37	4	4	3	4
	3	4	39	31	4	4	4	5
	Other Empathy	1	1	41	42	5	5	5
1		2	21	38	4	4	4	4
1		3	41	25	4	2	4	4
1		4	32	29	4	3	4	4
2		1	30	32	4	4	4	4
2		2	50	40	5	5	4	5
2		3	32	32	3	4	4	3
2		4	30	32	3	3	4	5
3		1	25	36	3	4	4	4
3		2	56	31	4	4	4	4
3		3	58	32	4	5	4	4
3		4	25	32	3	4	4	4

TABLE XXX

## CATEGORY USE DATA

Condition	Group	Subject	Nonffective Self- disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self- disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
Nonffective Self- disclosure	1	1	67	18	1	1	1	0
	1	2	69	23	0	3	4	3
	1	3	72	18	0	2	2	1
	1	4	71	14	0	2	1	2
	2	1	58	14	0	0	0	0
	2	2	68	26	1	0	2	0
	2	3	65	19	0	0	0	0
	2	4	65	32	0	0	3	2
	3	1	83	9	0	3	3	0
	3	2	91	46	7	3	7	0
	3	3	87	11	0	1	0	0
	3	4	89	25	0	2	2	0
	Impersonal Disclosure	1	1	27	47	5	2	3
1		2	54	57	5	5	2	3
1		3	34	28	1	3	0	0
1		4	61	60	2	3	6	0
2		1	39	75	0	1	3	0
2		2	24	73	0	1	1	0
2		3	53	81	5	8	7	0
2		4	49	81	2	1	11	0
3		1	50	58	1	2	0	0
3		2	74	48	1	8	1	0
3		3	41	47	2	1	3	0
3		4	44	47	1	0	2	0

TABLE XXX (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Nonaffective Self- disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self- disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
Other Disclosure (Feedback)	1	1	64	40	29	1	3	1
	1	2	34	20	23	1	2	0
	1	3	35	28	21	3	0	0
	1	4	25	15	21	0	3	0
	2	1	54	44	30	4	4	1
	2	2	33	46	30	1	5	4
	2	3	42	21	11	0	3	0
	2	4	22	38	14	5	4	0
	3	1	28	22	19	1	7	0
	3	2	56	32	13	8	8	0
	3	3	9	11	8	0	0	0
	3	4	99	82	13	19	2	1
	Self-disclosure	1	1	25	6	0	5	2
1		2	33	31	0	11	1	0
1		3	54	43	0	5	1	0
1		4	23	19	0	6	1	0
2		1	38	35	5	9	2	0
2		2	57	71	2	20	3	0
2		3	24	41	4	8	3	0
2		4	42	24	7	7	3	0
3		1	40	28	3	11	3	0
3		2	26	33	0	13	1	0
3		3	31	20	1	12	0	0
3		4	68	69	10	20	5	1

TABLE XXX (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	Nonaffective Self- disclosure	Impersonal Disclosure	Other Disclosure (Feedback)	Self- disclosure	Impersonal Empathy	Other Empathy
Impersonal Empathy	1	1	17	12	0	0	8	1
	1	2	88	55	0	1	3	2
	1	3	38	19	0	4	7	2
	1	4	81	40	0	3	10	2
	2	1	48	35	0	4	9	0
	2	2	22	19	1	1	4	0
	2	3	71	53	1	0	12	0
	2	4	53	39	1	2	14	1
	3	1	26	29	6	0	8	1
	3	2	25	18	5	0	22	1
	3	3	30	35	3	0	0	0
	3	4	79	24	7	1	14	0
	Other Empathy	1	1	50	53	1	0	0
1		2	46	46	5	2	4	1
1		3	26	22	3	1	0	5
1		4	99	54	6	0	3	13
2		1	41	23	2	6	3	4
2		2	37	21	5	4	5	2
2		3	67	28	5	14	1	6
2		4	31	17	6	12	8	2
3		1	28	21	1	11	0	2
3		2	18	17	2	1	1	1
3		3	53	52	5	16	5	8
3		4	82	49	5	13	9	2

TABLE XXXI

## PERSON PERCEPTION DATA\*

Condition	Group	Subject	OSV	OV	SOV	SA	SE	CG	A	E	IO	N	CF	PO	FO	PS	
Impersonal Empathy	1	1	1.23	.13	.63	.80	.99	.66	.82	.82	.63	1.65	1.10	.87	.25	1.19	
	1	2	.40	.10	.33	.78	.75	.84	.76	.56	.30	1.18	.43	.84	.37	1.09	
	1	3	.23	.00	.30	.52	1.54	-.61	.37	1.17	.94	2.02	1.23	.34	-.16	-.29	
	1	4	1.10	.20	.83	1.44	1.28	.40	1.03	.93	1.13	1.34	1.06	1.43	.23	.89	
	2	1	.36	.03	.16	.50	1.08	.28	.44	.46	.18	.27	.43	1.10	.14	.83	
	2	2	.43	.26	.36	.89	.85	-.22	.43	.57	.18	.17	.66	-.22	-.27	.20	
	2	3	1.30	.00	.93	.67	.69	.54	.47	.25	.57	.44	.90	.34	.30	.28	
	2	4	1.00	.40	.46	.51	.83	.38	.18	.14	.58	.29	.76	.21	.22	.15	
	3	1	.70	.00	.63	.84	1.67	1.24	.71	1.26	1.28	2.05	1.03	.91	.76	1.14	
	3	2	.63	.20	.40	1.27	1.43	.31	.95	1.40	.83	.77	1.08	1.13	1.23	.95	
	3	3	.36	.13	.46	1.05	1.24	1.40	.73	1.14	1.15	1.49	.99	.80	1.08	.69	
	3	4	1.20	.13	.33	2.10	1.53	.68	1.68	1.10	.81	.89	.79	1.70	.90	1.16	
	Self- disclosure	1	1	.53	.13	.80	.25	.50	.43	.33	.01	.31	.38	.41	.04	.26	.24
		1	2	.56	.20	.40	.48	.58	.85	.41	.35	.27	1.14	.65	.37	.45	1.47
1		3	.23	.06	.10	.43	.54	1.06	.38	.40	.47	1.14	.52	.23	.30	1.14	
1		4	.10	.03	.23	.67	.22	1.93	.53	.12	.61	.21	.44	.25	.55	.28	
2		1	1.30	.30	.73	.36	1.10	.54	.41	.91	.68	1.29	.77	.42	.14	.58	
2		2	.66	.16	.53	.70	.88	.91	.61	.62	.30	.95	.74	.74	.18	.96	
2		3	.96	.03	.86	1.08	.56	.86	.87	.31	.38	1.24	.87	1.63	.80	.52	
2		4	.96	.40	.43	.41	1.38	.03	.25	1.18	.77	.93	.65	.24	.12	.54	
3		1	1.10	.16	.83	.49	.87	-.16	.43	.81	.62	.80	.47	.49	.32	.26	
3		2	.50	.00	.63	1.38	1.34	1.06	1.08	.74	.95	1.12	.58	1.55	.74	1.04	
3		3	.90	.10	.53	1.05	1.34	.96	.60	1.27	1.00	1.65	.99	.12	.77	1.37	
3		4	.40	.16	.43	1.18	1.13	.34	.95	.68	.48	.99	.50	.88	.28	1.01	

TABLE XXXI (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	OSV	OV	SOV	SA	SE	CG	A	E	IO	N	CF	PO	FO	PS
Other	1	1	1.13	.16	.80	1.02	1.44	.50	.74	.88	.72	1.03	.79	.55	.47	.63
Disclosure	1	2	1.53	.43	1.26	.91	.70	.36	.62	.60	.77	.50	.56	1.21	.67	.37
(Feedback)	1	3	.66	.06	.56	.73	1.13	.38	.67	.90	.79	1.53	.75	.67	.22	.52
	1	4	.43	.13	.23	1.56	1.07	1.23	1.02	.94	.77	1.63	.61	.89	.30	1.51
	2	1	.36	.13	.30	-.19	1.22	.07	-.14	.49	-.01	.02	.11	.12	.12	.28
	2	2	.56	.03	.43	.49	.52	.68	.34	.31	-.20	1.16	.13	.85	.10	1.06
	2	3	2.70	.30	1.66	-.07	.71	.18	.08	.52	.19	.64	.19	.33	.28	.34
	2	4	.76	.30	.33	-.72	.69	.85	-.43	.30	-.13	.60	.12	.31	.26	.81
	3	1	.13	.20	.20	1.69	.93	1.58	1.21	.78	1.25	1.98	1.01	1.20	.93	1.84
	3	2	.83	.16	.23	1.71	1.21	1.05	1.33	.87	.93	1.39	.89	.52	.53	.82
	3	3	.36	.13	.26	.92	.77	1.27	.85	.64	.73	1.56	.59	.67	.58	1.28
	3	4	.43	.16	.16	1.32	1.28	1.12	.65	.96	1.14	1.69	1.12	.85	.78	1.44
Impersonal	1	1	1.13	.13	1.13	.38	1.18	.64	.33	.69	.53	1.56	.59	.66	.49	.58
Disclosure	1	2	2.16	.00	.83	.47	.76	1.34	.38	.58	.28	1.21	.49	.55	.27	1.36
	1	3	.43	.06	.03	.21	.61	.68	.26	.45	.26	1.49	.44	.35	.44	.28
	1	4	.43	.10	.36	.78	.95	1.17	.65	.63	.54	1.76	.41	.78	.53	1.55
	2	1	1.16	.23	.80	1.13	1.10	.23	.39	.68	.83	1.01	.39	.52	.41	.82
	2	2	1.20	.56	.56	.59	1.00	.63	.80	.56	.43	.87	.43	.48	.69	.86
	2	3	.50	.03	.10	.95	.85	.87	.62	.65	.50	.89	.31	1.00	.28	2.11
	2	4	1.66	.53	1.10	-.01	.42	-.25	.24	.30	.28	1.01	.10	.19	.00	.72
	3	1	.23	.16	.30	.50	1.00	1.17	.48	.56	.04	.91	.25	.61	.39	1.34
	3	2	.06	.00	.00	.21	.43	.34	.13	.13	.65	.25	.55	.93	.46	.30
	3	3	.23	.10	.13	-.02	.29	.59	-.05	.19	.15	1.51	.35	-.44	-.52	.42
	3	4	.23	.16	.03	.88	1.25	1.55	.58	.66	.29	1.44	.68	.49	.43	1.75

TABLE XXXI (CONTINUED)

Condition	Group	Subject	OSV	OV	SOV	SA	SE	CG	A	E	IO	N	CF	PO	FO	PS
Nonaffective Self- disclosure	1	1	.40	.13	.26	.54	.40	1.37	.31	.22	.37	1.80	.34	.21	.29	.98
	1	2	.86	.16	.33	.27	.14	.05	.07	-.05	-.13	.95	.29	.41	.25	.40
	1	3	.30	.06	.03	.35	1.13	1.43	.20	.57	.41	1.56	.36	.32	.54	2.41
	1	4	.30	.20	.33	.27	.13	-.07	.12	.15	.05	.27	.50	-.05	-.02	.34
	2	1	.83	.63	.50	.43	.82	.44	.30	.60	.37	1.32	.49	.31	.16	.43
	2	2	1.00	.10	1.23	.18	.21	.38	.25	.21	.71	.85	.26	.06	.25	.26
	2	3	.13	.03	.20	.99	1.72	1.47	.74	.47	.46	1.40	.31	.51	.45	1.32
	2	4	.43	.03	.36	.90	.41	.82	.61	.36	.35	1.20	.28	.77	.83	1.08
	3	1	1.96	.66	1.70	.82	.45	-.05	.69	.40	.24	.31	.15	.79	.37	.63
	3	2	1.46	.23	.93	.37	1.54	.37	.26	.67	.53	.95	.25	.52	.80	.77
	3	3	.53	.30	.46	1.38	1.65	.51	.79	1.22	.60	1.15	.35	.86	.66	.98
	3	4	1.10	.10	1.31	.35	.84	.56	.13	.54	.52	.98	.27	.65	.38	.58
	Other Empathy	1	1	3.26	.30	2.33	1.15	1.58	.17	.51	1.20	.67	1.03	.44	.28	-.04
1		2	.70	.23	.20	.18	.93	.06	.16	.54	.49	.35	.49	.48	.01	.09
1		3	.33	.06	.33	.60	.57	1.46	.45	.48	.49	2.15	.20	.84	.25	1.40
1		4	.50	.26	.60	1.47	.17	.50	1.04	.29	.50	1.18	.37	.90	.43	.57
2		1	.36	.13	.26	1.15	.78	1.06	.92	.50	.47	.80	.64	.61	.45	.55
2		2	.66	.16	.70	.50	.88	.63	.43	.54	.90	1.19	.73	.48	.67	.98
2		3	1.00	.63	.80	.83	.44	-.49	.22	.40	.66	1.26	.73	.49	.77	.14
2		4	1.23	.13	.70	1.06	1.37	.62	.72	.91	.27	.97	.75	.78	.36	1.27
3		1	.40	.33	.70	1.13	.48	1.26	1.02	.39	.63	1.24	.46	.55	.54	1.25
3		2	1.13	.23	.56	1.23	.97	.75	1.04	.70	.62	1.29	.64	.93	.41	1.12
3		3	.40	.56	.13	.36	1.20	-.18	.29	.98	1.09	1.58	.78	.63	.95	1.14
3		4	.20	.06	.06	.79	.71	.96	.55	.66	.56	1.33	.75	.61	.42	2.00

\* The abbreviations in this table are found in Appendix A.

APPENDIX H

NONSIGNIFICANT ANALYSES

TABLE XXXII

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
NONAFFECTIVE SELF-DISCLOSURE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	50.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.18
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	229.69	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.46
Interaction	1	50.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.10
Groups	8	164.94	Subjects	.29
Subjects	36	577.93		



TABLE XXXIII

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR SELF-DISCLOSURE  
QUESTIONNAIRE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	124.73	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.22
Groups	12	77.78	Subjects	.73
Subjects	54	106.98		

TABLE XXXIV

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR EMPATHY  
QUESTIONNAIRE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	6.13	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.27
Groups	12	15.65	Subjects	.66
Subjects	54	23.87		

TABLE XXXV

## PLANNED COMPARISONS FOR EMPATHY QUESTIONNAIRE

Comparison	F <sub>1,66</sub> Ratio
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure, Other Disclosure (Feedback), Impersonal Empathy, and Other Empathy	.18
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure	.002
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Disclosure (Feedback)	.30
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Impersonal Empathy	.04
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Empathy	.80

TABLE XXXVI

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
EMPATHY QUESTIONNAIRE

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	8.33	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.38
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	4.08	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.19
Interaction	1	12.00	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.55
Groups	8	17.35	Subjects	.76
Subjects	36	22.83		

TABLE XXXVII

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE  
GROUP ATTRACTIVENESS ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	.41	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.86
Groups	12	.56	Subjects	1.19
Subjects	54	.47		

TABLE XXXVIII

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
ATTRACTIVENESS ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	.08	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.18
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	.75	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.62
Interaction	1	.75	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.62
Groups	8	.73	Subjects	1.81
Subjects	36	.40		

TABLE XXXIX

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE TENDENCY  
TO COHERE ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	.99	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.70
Groups	12	.86	Subjects	1.66
Subjects	54	.52		

TABLE XL

PLANNED COMPARISONS FOR TENDENCY TO  
COHERE ITEM

Comparison	F <sub>1,66</sub> Ratio
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure, Other Disclosure (Feedback), Impersonal Empathy, and Other Empathy	.67
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure	1.16
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Disclosure (Feedback)	1.99
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Impersonal Empathy	.55
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Empathy	1.16

TABLE XLI

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
TENDENCY TO COHERE ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	.75	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.08
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	.33	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.48
Interaction	1	.33	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.48
Groups	8	.87	Subjects	1.34
Subjects	36	.65		

TABLE XLII

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
MEANINGFULNESS ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	.53	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.95
Groups	12	.82	Subjects	1.61
Subjects	54	.51		

TABLE XLIII

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
MEANINGFULNESS ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	.52	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.84
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	.52	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.84
Interaction	1	1.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.64
Groups	8	1.02	Subjects	1.91
Subjects	36	.53		

TABLE XLIV

## ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR THE ENJOYMENT ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Treatments	5	.81	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.65
Groups	12	.61	Subjects	1.31
Subjects	54	.47		

TABLE XLV

## PLANNED COMPARISONS FOR ENJOYMENT ITEM

Comparison	F <sub>1,66</sub> Ratio
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure, Other Disclosure (Feedback), Impersonal Empathy, and Other Empathy	.43
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Self-disclosure	.94
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Disclosure (Feedback)	1.89
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Impersonal Empathy	1.67
Nonaffective Self-disclosure and Impersonal Disclosure versus Other Empathy	.42

TABLE XLVI

TWO FACTOR ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
THE ENJOYMENT ITEM

Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other Versus Third Party	1	.19	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.45
Metaperception Versus Perception	1	.52	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.26
Interaction	1	1.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects	2.46
Groups	8	.56	Subjects	1.47
Subjects	36	.38		

TABLE XLVII

NONSIGNIFICANT ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE FOR  
PERSON PERCEPTION VARIABLES

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other's Self Variance	Treatments	5	.06	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.33
	Groups	12	.29	Subjects	1.72
	Subjects	54	.17		
Other Variance	Treatments	5	.04	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.11
	Groups	12	.52	Subjects	1.55
	Subjects	54	.33		
Self as Other Variance	Treatments	5	.026	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.02
	Groups	12	.025	Subjects	.98
	Subjects	54	.026		
Stereotype Empathy	Treatments	5	.22	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.38
	Groups	12	.24	Subjects	1.72
	Subjects	54	.14		
Congruence	Treatments	5	.16	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.69
	Groups	12	.39	Subjects	1.41
	Subjects	54	.27		
Perceived Similarity	Treatments	5	.14	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.48
	Groups	12	.34	Subjects	1.16
	Subjects	54	.29		



TABLE XLVIII

NONSIGNIFICANT TWO FACTOR ANALYSES OF VARIANCE  
FOR PERSON PERCEPTION VARIABLES

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Other's Self Variance	Other Versus Third Party	1	.14	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.69
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.04	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.20
	Interaction	1	.005	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.03
	Groups	8	.23	Subjects	1.14
	Subjects	36	.20		
Other Variance	Other Versus Third Party	1	.06	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.13
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.0007	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.002
	Interaction	1	.01	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.03
	Groups	8	.50	Subjects	1.15
	Subjects	36	.43		
Self As Other Variance	Other Versus Third Party	1	.06	Pooled Groups and Subjects	2.33
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.004	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.15
	Interaction	1	.04	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.65
	Groups	8	.02	Subjects	1.02
	Subjects	36	.02		

TABLE XLVIII (CONTINUED)

Variable	Source	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	Error Term	F Ratio
Congruence	Other Versus Third Party	1	.03	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.11
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.64	Pooled Groups and Subjects	2.22
	Interaction	1	.007	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.03
	Groups	8	.44	Subjects	1.71
	Subjects	36	.25		
Personal Openness	Other Versus Third Party	1	.0007	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.005
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.16	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.06
	Interaction	1	.32	Pooled Groups and Subjects	2.17
	Groups	8	.23	Subjects	1.74
	Subjects	36	.13		
Perceived Similarity	Other Versus Third Party	1	.02	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.07
	Metaperception Vs. Perception	1	.37	Pooled Groups and Subjects	1.15
	Interaction	1	.24	Pooled Groups and Subjects	.76
	Groups	8	.46	Subjects	1.64
	Subjects	36	.28		

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