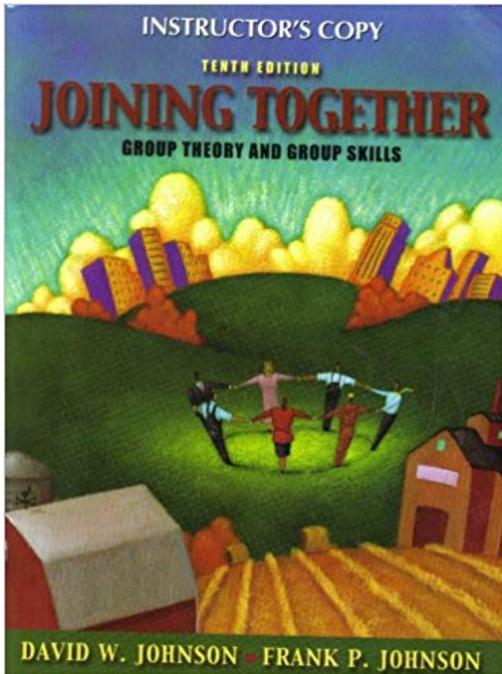


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This Instructor's Edition of the best-selling text is a broad, integrative overview of group dynamics presented in a well researched, readable, and experiential format. This text introduces readers to the theory and research findings needed to understand how to make groups effective, and it helps build the skills required to apply that knowledge in practical situations. More than a textbook, *Joining Together* illustrates how this knowledge and mastery of skills creates choices, opportunities, and successes for each individual. No competing text offers the scope of coverage and the range of experiential exercises of *Joining Together*.



Reviews of the *Joining Together* by Johnson Johnson

Anaragelv

Unlike some of the reviewers here who are rating a much earlier edition rather than the tenth edition), the text is quite useful and one of the more complete texts on group and team theory and and practice. If one were to want to find more in-depth information on specific theory and research, then he or she should seek out peer reviewed journals rather than an all-encompassing textbook that

is designed as an introduction to group theory, which this is, albeit way overpriced...but aren't all textbooks?

The unfortunate thing for online students is that there are dozens of face-to-face scenario and role acting lessons that would be invaluable if they could be applied; however, online students are faced with posting and dialogue with other students who can barely write, command little of English grammar, and are only looking to do the minimum, check the box, and move on. Contrary to one reviewer, these are indeed placed strategically throughout the text where the role-playing either leads you into the following text, or reinforces previous text by example.

Thin pages, thick book, and high price, but still an excellent reference for understanding and applying group and team theory.

One more thing: if you buy this book on Amazon, you pay 50% of what colleges charge, and most online colleges now have this in e-book form, which is almost as much as the Amazon price.

Nargas

This book should fulfill an important function. Groups are ubiquitous and vital for the functioning of organizations in our society. Who can readily say that they do not interact with a group in order to solve a problem or make a decision in any work setting today? A text that provides a guide to help such groups operate should be a winner. This book used to be such. This edition falls short.

Groups are part of everything that we do. We need a guide to help members of groups contribute to and leaders to facilitate that operation. We have been in groups virtually all of our lives and are, to some degree, experts in groups. But groups do not always work. A reviewer of a previous edition complained that this book added nothing very much to what a person had already learned in sports teams and school groups. But to me, this missed the point. We may have learned some rules and skills in our previous interactions. But those skills and rules may well have been wrong, and possibly dangerous. A review of historical decision making and a study of the literature on the psychology of groups demonstrates the ways in which groups lead members to identify with evil leaders, proceed to bad solutions and adopt processes which lead a group to self destruct. A primer such as this should help teachers and facilitators unlearn some rules and learn new ones. But this is no longer a primer. It is a text.

And as a text it falls down. In earlier editions it was brief and succinct. In this, it has become longer and fatter. As the literature on groups processes and group dynamics has grown, so has this book. But the point of a text, as a guide and a primer, is to continue to select out, to filter out the irrelevance and to present the essentials. This book seems simply to have added material where there is new literature. It has grown but has not been edited. Where it has grown, it has added material that has not reflected the social psychological literature in the world other than the United States of America. Countless references to material from Europe, central to arguments presented in the book, are simply ignored.

This is sad. The authors could have done so much by acknowledging the contribution of modern contributions from outside of the United States. They could also have done so much for the field, and for themselves, by taking a red pencil and edit as much as 50% of the text. Then there would have been a contribution to the literature, and more importantly, to the application of the facilitation of group process to the operation of systems in society.

Perhaps the 10th Edition is one too far.

Datrim

Great ideas for I/O psychologist to use, however, some of the chapter were a bit unnecessarily wordy.

Lynnak

I used this book for an elective course for school. Easy to read! There are many activities and resources to use! This would be a great resource for someone who is interested in learning about how groups of people interact and the significance of their interactions. Great tool for teachers!

Gavirgas

The condition of the book is definitely fascinating. Literally like new condition. So happy with my purchase that arrived on time and was so fairly priced. Will repeat.

Micelhorav

The book is not ordered in a logical way. We used it in class and we called it the psychotic book because it jumps from one topic to the next without much explanations and does not group common topics together.

Phobism

Purchased for school

I really liked this book, it offered strategic case scenarios and it offered great solutions for conflict in a group. The course is great! I am glad I took it.

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