Alternative placement of working memory: Recidivism the basis (Resolve)

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Abstract

Purpose: The objective of this paper is to address the three strains of PTSD – inherited, induced and experienced, on the strength of analysis of recidivism as a placeholder for emotion regulation, with special consideration reserved for undiagnosed PTSD.

Design/Methodology/Approach: Extends the “every-day life ... imperfections in our mental functioning” (Mayer, 1912) to a specification of working memory that accounts for the formation of decisions and judgements, friend or foe, that are driven by the all of experienced life, the reality that begets PTSD. The developed specification of working memory rests on the specification of progression (Glover, 1936). While the expression of PTSD is the common condition, if expressed, the variants of PTSD do stem from decidedly different initiating circumstances, with discussion devoted to iterative analysis of PTSD with respect to initiating circumstances as a progression, expression as a self-serving progression, and recovery from as a subsequent progression. The developed specification of working memory is a reframe, not a jettison, of all accumulated effort applied to the current specification of working memory.

Research limitations/implications: “In all demonstrative sciences the rules are certain and infallible; but when we apply them, our fallible said uncertain faculties are very apt to depart from them, and fall into error” (Hume, 1789|1888, p. 180) – the dilemma that is the social sciences. In tandem is the identification of the self, which “…experiences various degrees of conscious life without disclosing the principal of its identity. ...self-identity is a psychological phenomenon and cannot be affirmed scientifically” (Baker, 1897).

Findings: Glover’s specification of progression is extended thru Freud’s two biological rules (Freud, 1892-1895|1966, p. 370-371) to perception, with his often-used ‘pcpt-cs’ caption in his many figures across the Fleiss letters and Project for a Scientific Psychology (Freud, 1892-1895|1966, pp. 283-397) set forth as critical to understanding PTSD.

Social implications: With the developed specification of working memory the basis, it then follows that the cultivation of PTSD, and recovery from PTSD is open to scrutiny.

Originality/value: Provides rationale that extends progression to implementation of a human exercise, “gratuitous acceptance”, with no preconditions, “…resolution of life’s routine problems by relying on personal resolve and without resorting to any form of safe harbor” (Cook, 2010b).

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