

PLURALISTIC IGNORANCE

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the state of affairs wherein nearly all members of a group privately refute what is considered to be the majority outlook and belief of the group. Each member falsely believes that these principles are approved by all other group members. It has been suggested that obviously abrupt modifications in cultural norms, in terms of carnal behavior, can be credited to the gradual acknowledgement by multiple people that other people in the group think the same as themselves.

PLURALISTIC IGNORANCE: "The concept of pluralistic ignorance was initially posited by an American psychologist by the name of Floyd Henry Allport in the 1920's."

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