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That moment when you are left speechless when hearing what Lovaas did to Beth and his motivations for doing it. Also similarities between Lovaas's logic for Beth's SIB was it was manipulative & is similar to logic behind PDA (especially Newson's)...

... I also wonder the mental contortions Lovaas must have gone through to view someone who is then than human & needs to be turned into a socially acceptable person, can be manipulative & be deliberately punishing Lovaas...

... I also wonder if Lovaas could have justified hitting Beth (who he was apparently treating like his own child), if he believed she had ToM/ Empathy deficits view of autism was more prevalent at the time of this research?...

... Not that I am saying ToM/ Empathy deficits view of autism is a good thing. Just that it seems hard to justify hitting Beth for her SIBs & other reasonable behaviour in response to the odd treatment she was receiving from Lovaas & others...

... I have quoted Newson's work enough times to point out she viewed PDA's demand-avoidance to be by choice as CYP did not know any better. Mainly as Newson's background was in Coding issues (when a person has difficulty processing/ understanding aspects of communication)...

... To quote contemporary research to Newson, of some ENC case files: "outlined the atypical development of children with PDA in detail, and suggested that the underlying deficit in PDA is a lack of social identity..."

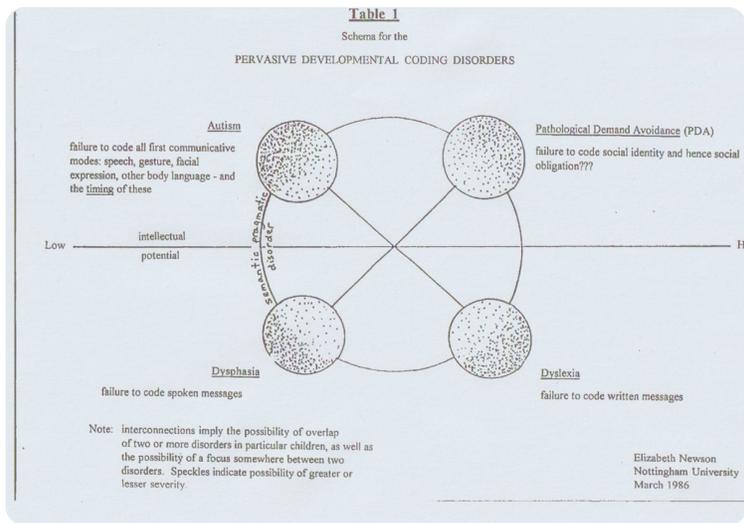
... This is theorised to create major difficulties with social responsibility and obligation and, therefore, a lack of the social need to comply." Graham-White, 2002, p1...

... It is interesting reflecting upon Newson's background & how PDA has evolved by some over last 2 decades, arguably reflect similar processes autism went through with Kanner...

... How Kanner's background trying to establish child psychiatry & how psychodynamics was vogue at the time in the USA, impacted his views on autism. While he also (mistakenly) placed autism in with Childhood Schizophrenia, which was commonly diagnosed in 1940s..

... Newson created her first diagnostic grouping for PDA before creating its behaviour profile, & questioned what coding issues PDA has, guessing deficits in social identity. Newson needed PDA to have social deficits to fit in her Pervasive Developmental Coding Disorder group...

... Just a reminded of what Newson's Pervasive Developmental Coding Disorders diagnostic group looked like (Newson 1989; 1996). Also contains dyslexia & dysphasia. Kanner's & Asperger's autism are lumped together under autism, Asperger's has above average intelligence...



... Newson was consistently clear in her view that PDA is not ASD. It is Christie who seems to have driven (mistaken) placement of PDA within autism which commonly diagnosed over last two decades. There does seem to be clear parallels between autism & PDA history...

... Slide showing how autism history demonstrates that PDA's diagnostic grouping, prevalence & clinical threshold can be substantially broadened...

AN OLD ROLEPLAY.

Autism history implications for DAP.

- 1) DAP history is compared to autism (Christie et al 2012).
- 2) Autism used to be a form of schizophrenia (Woods 2019).
- 3) 1966 prevalence rates 1 in 2500, now ~ 1 in 100, can be higher.
- 4) Autism broadened into a spectrum (Happé & Frith 2020).
- 5) DSM4: PDD-NOS was the most commonly diagnosed subtype.
- 6) ASD Level One to Level Three (APA 2013).
- 7) "High Functioning Autism", equivalent to Asperger's.
- 8) Now accepted indistinguishable clinical differences & strategies between autism subtypes (Woods 2020b).
- 9) Confirms DAP can change diagnostic groupings & may be substantially broadened.

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DAP: Implications of it being a biopower identity!

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... I did not set out to make huge thread on PDA. I was meant to be talking about my shock at Lovaas, not only his actions against Beth, but his rationale for said actions, which including hitting her & strongly hitting her...

... It just shows that those with power over vulnerable groups can set & control the narrative around vulnerable persons. That said narratives might not even accurately represent the cognitive processes of said vulnerable persons...

... That is a pattern which has repeated throughout autism history, & apparently with PDA (for better or ill)...

... On that note, I will end the thread here.

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Thank you in advance.

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