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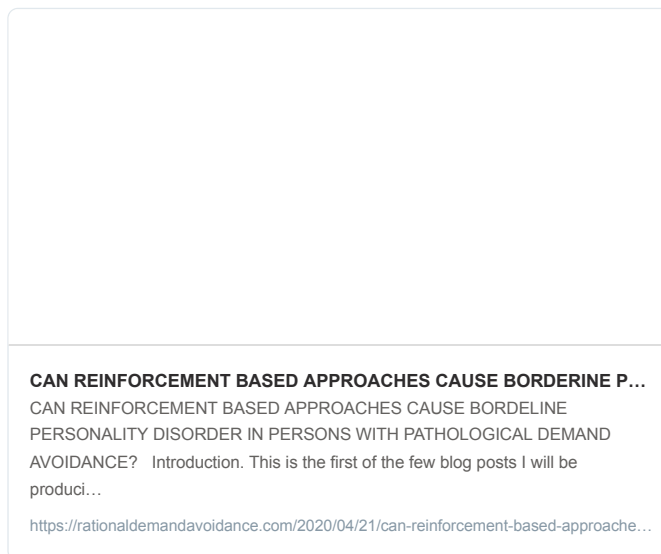
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[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) This is something & Damian have both been pointing out.

Damian points out here, traditional autism strategies, i.e., PBS/ABA do not work with autistic persons.

<https://kar.kent.ac.uk/62694/431/Natures%20answer%20to%20over%20conformity.pdf>

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) This is a rejected letter article where I ask can reinforcement-based approaches cause demand-avoidance features?



[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) I explicitly mention a reason why PDA is controversial as it is only meant to protect a minority of autistic persons from ABA/ PBS in this seminar recording, see around 33 minute mark.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/22ESXsCnisM>

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) This is a substantially detailed thread pointing out the case that PDA's cause is trauma.

<https://rationaldemandavoidancecom.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/06-august-2020-pda-is-a-trauma-response-not-specific-to-autism-evidence.pdf>

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) I make the points about PDA strategies being good practice, & are used with those with attachment difficulties/ Looked After Children here, partly as reinforcement-based strategies do not work for the latter group.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/337403754_Demand_Avoidance_Phenomena_Pathological_Demand_Avoidance_Core_Issues_Attachment_Trauma_Looked_After_Children

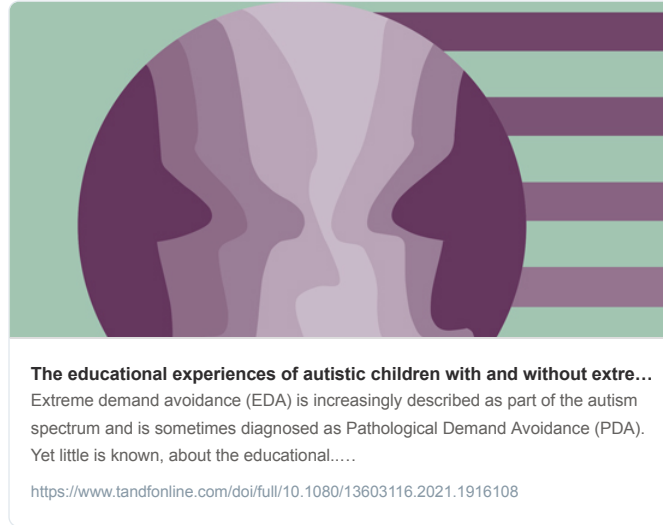
[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) I am increasingly seen a recognition PDA strategies seem to replicate "common practice". I have also argued elsewhere, that reason for protecting PDA from PBS/ ABA (to maintain a person's key coping mechanisms) is applicable for autistic persons & stimming.

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) Others share your concerns, Fiona & are making them.

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) Reflecting upon it. "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters cannot accept PBS should not be used on autistic persons/ those with neurodiversity categories, as it undermines a key reason for diagnosing PDA; that PDA has distinct & separate strategies from autism.

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) As soon as you start saying ABA/ PBS does not work for most autistics & should not be used with most autistics. That PDA strategies replicate good practice. Then PDA is on ethically dodgy ground, but it also removes a key reason for recognising & diagnosing PDA.

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) Add to this context, PDA does seem to make a difference in success of educational placement.



[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) Some schools are denying placements to CYP with PDA diagnoses.



<https://www.youtube.com/embed/BAqsf6gUJno>

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) Added in other studies suggesting PDA is not a distinct anything. With large power differentials present, particularly with families in crisis. "PDA Profile of ASD" narrative is looking to be acting at least ethically, problematically...

[@Fiona_Clarke](#) [@milton_damian](#) On that note, [@threadreaderapp](#) please can you unroll?

Thank you in advance.

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