20 Studies That Revolutionized Child Psychology.


I do not know if I am the only one who does this, but when I think about child psychology, I simply cannot help but think in terms of scientific references. Every time I read a new scientific article in the field, I process it with respect to certain other seminal pieces in the literature. In fact, I scour reference sections to see if certain other pieces have been cited. And if not, I want to know why not?

As a service to the Society I undertook the task of determining the Most Revolutionary Studies in Child Psychology. I sought the opinions of more than 1,500 randomly selected, doctoral-level members of the Society about which studies, published since 1950, deserve the title "Most Revolutionary" (See Developments, 44(1), Winter 2001, for the survey questions.) Here for the first time, I am making this list available.

The 20 Most Revolutionary Studies