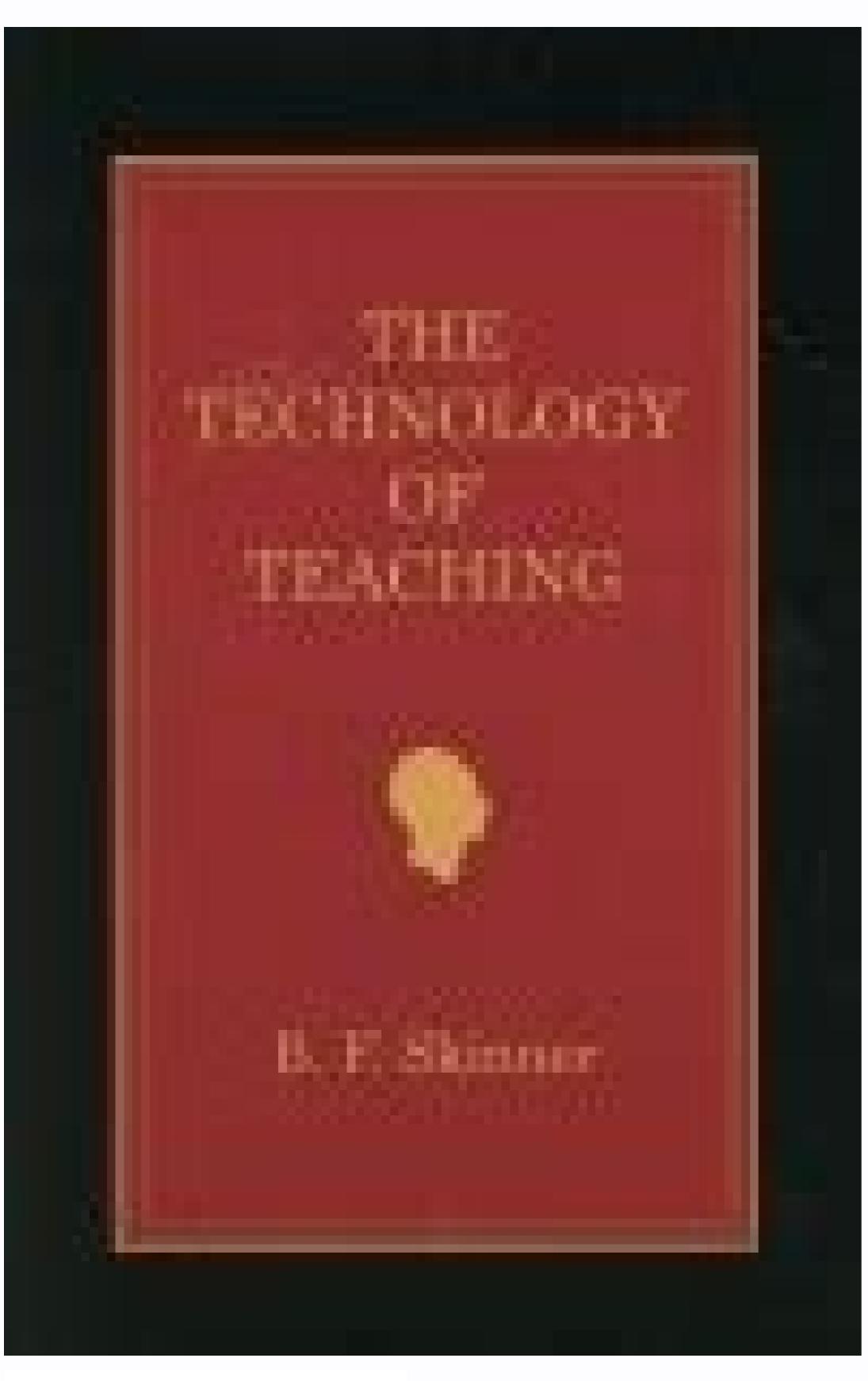
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B. F. Skinner's Utopian Vision: Behind and Beyond Walden Two Deborah E. Altus Washburn University Edward K. Morris

University of Kansas This paper addresses B. F. Skinner's utopian vision for enhancing social justice and human well-being in his 1948 novel, Walden Two. In the first part, we situate the book in its historical, intellectual, and social context of the utopian genre, address critiques of the book's premises and practices, and discuss the fate of intentional communities patterned on the book. The central point here is that Skinner's utopian vision was not any of Walden Two's practices, except one: the use of empirical methods to search for and discover practices that worked. In the second part, we describe practices in Skinner's book that advance social justice and human well-being under the themes of health, wealth, and wisdom, and then show how the subsequent literature in applied behavior analysis supports Skinner's prescience. Applied behavior analysis is a measure of the success of Skinner's utopian vision: to experiment.

Key words: Walden Two, B. F. Skinner, naturalism, utopian vision, social justice, human well-being, applied behavior analysis

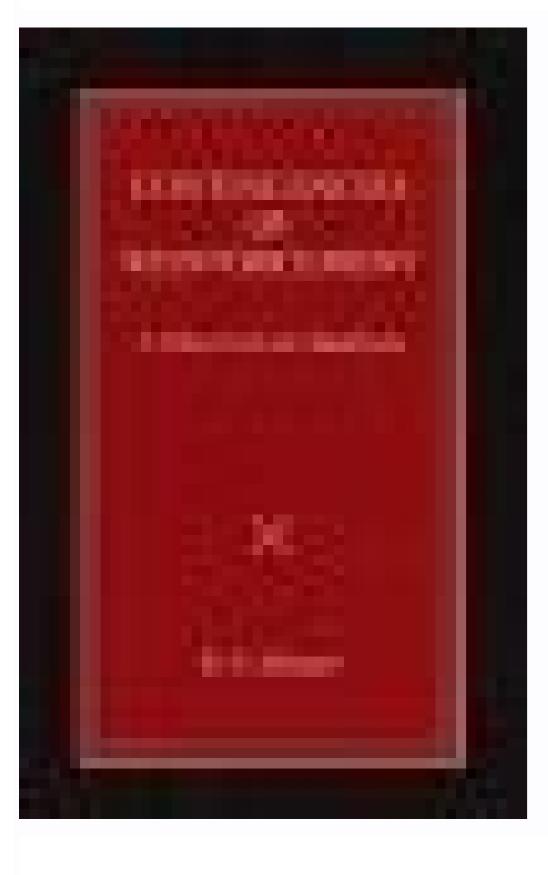
In the summer of 1945, B. F. Skinner wrote *The Sun Is But a Morning Star*, a utopian novel he published in 1948 as *Walden Two* (Skinner, 1979, p. 292). When asked what they should do instead, he answered, "They should experiment; they should explore new ways of living, as people had done in the communities of the nineteenth century." (n. 292)

dinner conversation in the spring of 1945 with a friend whose son-in-law was stationed in the South Pacific as World War II was coming to an end. Skinner mused about what young people would do when the war was over. "What a shame," he said, "that they would abandon their crusading spirit and come back only to fall into the old lockstep American lifegetting a job, marrying, renting an This manuscript is a slightly revised and updated version of an article published in a special issue of Contemporary Justice Review on utopias and intentional communities: Altus, D. E., & Morris, E. K. (2004), B. F. Skinner's utopian vision: Behind and beyond Walden Two. Contemporary Justice Review, 7, 267-286. (Reprinted by permission of Taylor & Francis, Ltd.)

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His dinner companion insisted that he write down his ideas, but he had a pressing deadline for a paper ("The Operational Analysis of Psychological Terms," 1945) and put the matter aside. Its premises are criticized for dismissing purpose, mind, and freedom, without which social justice putatively has no foundation. J. The community, however, engages in practices more far-reaching than educating its individual members. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] Emmelkamp P.M.G. Anxiety and fear. In his view, human purpose was not a matter of a priori intelligent design, but a quality of behavior in context selected for by its consequences. Mind was not a place or a thing of our own making, but actions and reactions, private and public, acquired in social context. 126-134. In particular, we situate it in the utopian genre rather than behavior analysis; review critiques of its premises and practices, some of them misunderstandings; and describe the fate of the intentional communities that were (and are) based on the book, and we offer some explanations. Our second, broader, purpose is to go beyond Walden Two. 1955-1956;25:47-65. Effects of cooperative learning groups during social studies for students with autism and fourth-grade peers. The Behavior Analyst Today. Skinner: A behavior analyst in educational psychology. 1991;24:677-686. The psychiatric nurse as a behavioral engineer. New York: Norton; 1983. In: Ramp E, Semb G, editors. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Morris E.K. B. Skinner was also motivated by dissatisfactions in his personal life: "I had seen my wife and her friends struggling to save themselves from domesticity, wincing as they printed 'housewife' in those blanks asking for occupation. We consider Los Horcones a Walden Two community because we do this to shape a humanistic society based on cooperation, mutual help, nonviolence, and establishing a system, he articulated a thoroughgoing naturalism that extended to every aspect of humanity, from mind to freedom and dignity: radical behaviorism (Skinner, 1945, 1955-1956). Walden Two was Skinner's first extension of his science, system, and philosophy to issues of social justice and human well-being. 1977;87:319-338. 1992;25:885-892. An impetus for the book arose over the course of a dinner conversation in the spring of 1945 with a friend whose son-in-law was stationed in the South Pacific as World War II was coming to an end. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Kinkade K. (3rd ed., pp. 283-291). For example, pairing relaxation and reinforcement with guided covert imagery and the eventual presentation of a feared stimulus can eliminate severe childhood phobias (e.g., Cautela, 1993). 1997;30:217-228. 1982;15:353-362. Freedom was not free will, but rather having the requisite repertoires and opportunities for attaining valued outcomes. A nationwide evaluation demonstrated the superiority of behavioral programs; however, they were never broadly adopted (see Watkins, 1988, 1997). Effect of biofeedback assisted relaxation training on blood glucose levels in a Type 1 insulin dependent diabetic: A case report. 1995;28:89-90. It is no wonder that Walden Two was not widely replicated or sustainable in Western culture. These points notwithstanding, many of the practices Skinner described in Walden Two exist piecemeal in today's intentional communities (Rutherford, 2009), as well as in applied behavior analysis, where their purpose to improve social justice and human well-being is an indication of the value and a validation of Walden Two. [Google Scholar]Hull D.L. Science as a process. Burrhus Frederic Skinner (1904-1990), regarded by many as the most important and influential psychologist since Freud, earned his doctorate in psychology at Harvard University in 1931. In: Morris E.K, Braukmann C.J, editors. Many profound social problems have yet to receive what their importance warrants (Hawkins, Greene, & Fuqua, 1995). Our paper had two purposes. These behaviors routinely bring us into contact with (or fail to prevent contact with) the causes of acute illnesses and diseases (e.g., bacteria, viruses) and contribute to chronic health problems (e.g., obesity, Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease). As early as the 1960s, applied behavior analysts began to develop interventions for problems such as addictions, chronic pain, and seizure and sleep disorders (Doleys, Meredith, & Ciminero, 1982). Stanford, CA: Stanford University; 1958. In Walden Two, the community's practices were those Skinner conjectured would benefit both interests. Utopian Studies. [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Miller L.K, Feallock R.A. A behavioral system for group living. We could bring almost no personal property with us and have to place our money under the community's control. 307-342. Louisa, VA: Twin Oaks; 1994. It holds equal promise for changing cultural practices in the future, for instance, those related to racism, sexism, child and sexual abuse, violence, homelessness, and hopelessness, and Freedom's ferment: Phases of American social history from the colonial period to the outbreak of the civil war. [Google Scholar] Skinner B.F. Freedom and the control of men. 2006;52((4)):Article 3. Review of Hilke Kuhlmann's Living Walden Two: B. [Google Scholar] Hunt G.M., Azrin N.H. A community-reinforcement approach to alcoholism. Helping in the community: Behavioral applications. Communities Journal of Cooperative Living. We use cookies and similar tools that are necessary to enable you to make purchases, including those used by approved third parties (collectively, "cookies") for the purposes described below. 543-551. The central point here is that Skinner's utopian vision was not any of Walden Two's practices, except one: the use of empirical methods to search for and discover practices that worked. (p. xvi)As for its content, Walden Two described practices that were of concern to Americans in the 1940s, both materially and emotionally. New York: Plenum; 1982. 1996;29:333–344. 1970;3:213–220. Growing up at Los Horcones. In: Cautela J.R, Kearney A.J, editors. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press; 1983. [Google Scholar]Dugan E, Kamps D, Leonard B, Watkins N, Rheinberger A, Stackhaus J. This sense of wisdom is perhaps Walden Two's most central theme: the use of science, both descriptive and experimental, to inform and guide practices that ensure the support of its members and the community's effectiveness, and thus ultimately its survival. Just as in Walden Two, knowledge that begets wisdom has been a primary focus of applied behavior analysis. 2002;25:215-226. More recently, the Teaching Family Model has been adapted for persons with developmental disabilities. Beyond the box: B. [Google Scholar] Lattal K.A, Perone M, editors. Japanese Journal of Behavior Analysis. First, we review some of the historical, intellectual, and social context that lies behind Walden Two, context that is often missing in the treatments of Skinner's book. Among the more notable successes have been the use of prompts, skill training, and reinforcement. Of course, some of Walden Two's practices (e.g., efficiency) were those Skinner valued as a scientist and social progressive, but so too did the American culture in that era (Rutherford, 2003). The field of behavioral community psychology today focuses on the prevention and alleviation of problems at the community level by involving community members in the selection of goals and in the design, implementation, and evaluation of treatment strategies (see the 1991 special issue on behavioral Studies; 1997. Reducing the illegal sales of cigarettes to minors: Analysis of alternative

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become multidisciplinary, branching out to encompass still more varied populations and problems. Skinner's utopian vision for enhancing social justice and human well-being in his 1948 novel, Walden Two. 1998;31:683-686. New York: Guilford; 1999. [Google Scholar]Engerman J.A, Austin J, Bailey J.S. Prompting patron safety belt use at a
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children in Head Start, applied behavior analysts have also addressed social justice through educational interventions designed to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students in inner-city schools which, in turn, improves their ability to compete in the job market (e.g., Gardner, Heward, & Grossi, 1994). And, they were contingent or
the community's self-experimentation, that is, on its systematically searching for and discovering practices that maximized individual and community health, wealth, and wisdom (see Skinner, 1985a). Skinner (1948) described practices for promoting sustainable agriculture (e.g., maintaining healthy pastures through rotational grazing); reducing the
use of scarce resources (e.g., building energy-efficient dwellings; using animals, rather than machines, to control grass; sharing living quarters and eating together; staggering schedules; engineering efficient domestic practices); recycling (e.g., feeding leftovers to the pigs); reducing waste (e.g., changing clothing styles slowly to avoid fads); and
monitoring water quality (e.g., balancing pH levels). Applied behavior analysis The field of behavioral ecology emerged in the 1980s to address such issues (Lloyd, 1980). Behavioral intervention for young children with autism: A manual for parents and professionals. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] [Miller L.K, Schneider R.L. The use of a
token system in Project Head Start. Similarly, researchers have worked to increase cooperative interactions among students in educational settings by using procedures such as peer mentoring and team activities in cooperative learning groups (e.g., Dugan et al., 1995) and cooperative games to increase harmonious interactions among children (e.g.,
Bay-Hinitz, Peterson, & Quilitch, 1994). Walden Two Although not commonly addressed in the 1940s, environmental health was dealt with in Walden Two by practices that are now more routine. 1986;41:568-574. New York: Macmillan; 1968. [Google Scholar] Holland J.G., Skinner B.F. The analysis of behavior: A program for self-instruction. American
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solutions. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association; 1996. Upon further reflection. Effects of imposed postfeedback delays in programmed instruction. Boston: Ticknor and Fields; 1854. In Walden Two, he described a myriad of practices for solving problems of individual, social, and cultural importance, many of them broad in scale, for
instance, those in economics, education, environmental sustainability, and personal lifestyles. [Google Scholar]Skinner B.F. The science of learning and the art of teaching. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 2002;35:191–194. 20
continuous real-time feedback about those states and then information about healthful changes in them. Applied behavior analysts have also addressed these issues empirically. 1973a;31:61. Syracuse University; 1990. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] [PubMed] [FubMed] [FubMe
behavior-analytic utopia. Skinner (1948) made this point at least twice in his book through the character of T. Please enter manually: ","bd_js_keep_typing_to_refine_search_results": "Save {0}", "bd_js_name_only_letters": "Sorry, full name can only contain
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the promotion of healthful lifestyles (e.g., Taylor, 1986). They were contingent on Skinner's historically situated personal and scientific values and the cultural context of post-World War II America. In: Bellack A.S, Hersen M, Kazdin A.E, editors. A synthesis of knowledge relevant to pathways of service utilization for young children with or at risk of
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income jobs are obtained, they often present hazards that applied behavior analysts have sought to redress by using, for instance, systematic instructions, feedback, and consequences to increase, for instance, systematic instructions, feedback, and consequences to increase, for instance, the proper packaging of trash by city residents, thereby improving the job conditions of garbage collectors (e.g., Stokes & Fawcett,
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Methods, Instruments and Computers. Resources were also used judiciously to assure adequate community capital, goods, and services from cradle to grave for current and future generations. The largest and most famous of these is Twin Oaks (Kinkade, 1973, 1994). Behavioral gerontology is exploring ways to improve the health and well-being of
elders (e.g., Burgio & Burgio, 1986; Carstensen, 1988; Skinner & Vaughn, 1983), for instance, by engaging them in nursing home activities (e.g., Altus, Englemann, & Mathews, 2002; Englemann, Altus, & Mathews, 1999). Free and equal education is available to every member, not only in the basic academic skills necessary for community survival but
also in personal skills needed for individual and community harmony (e.g., self-control, overcoming destructive emotions). Poor Richard's almanack. To support this point further, we go beyond the book. Having situated Walden Two in historical, intellectual, and cultural context and discussed Skinner's utopian premises and practices, we turn to three
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other anxiety disorders (Wolpe, 1958; see also Emmelkamp, 1990). It promotes the use of small group homes, led by live-in teaching parents, and managed through behavior-analytic procedures to reduce behavioral excesses (e.g., aggression, self-injury), overcome behavioral deficits (e.g., personal care, communication), and teach vocational skills
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technique. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Green C.W, Gardner S.M, Reid D.H. Increasing indices of happiness among people with profound multiple disabilities: A program replication and component analysis. (3) But do not try to change it through political action. [Google Scholar]Slifer K.J, Koontz K.L, Cataldo M.F. Operant
contingency-based preparation of children for functional magnetic resonance imaging. [Google Scholar]Rouse J. (4) Ask only to be left alone to solve your problems in your own way. Behavior analysts have also worked to prevent
such important social ills as sexual abuse, abduction, and child abuse and neglect through procedures that include behavioral skills training and feedback (e.g., Greene, Norman, Searle, Daniels, & Lubeck, 1995; Miltenberger et al., 1999; Miltenberger et al., 1999; Miltenberger et al., 1999; Miltenberger & Thiesse-Duffy, 1988; Tertinger, Greene, & Lutzker, 1984), as well as ecobehavioral approaches
that stress the importance of variables within the family and local community (e.g., socioeconomic status, family stressors; see Lutzker & Campbell, 1994). Chicago: University of Chic
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contributions under the three themes, broadly construed, first as Skinner described them in Walden Two and then as practices in applied behavior analysis that Walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that Walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that Walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that Walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that Walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that Walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that walden Two foretold. Although health generally connotes only personal and medical practices in applied behavior analysis that walden Two foretolds are the personal and the personal analysis and the perso
broader set of practices that included mental, community, and environmental health. Walden Two Skinner described a number of practices in Walden Two for keeping individuals and the community free from diseases and for promoting their physical well-being. International handbook of behavior modification and therapy. Finally, wealth was
distributed equitably; no member benefited at the expense of another. Some of the earliest work in applied behavior analysis focused on issues of social justice regarding wealth and continues today in work to empower persons who are disenfranchised. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association; 2001. International conflict and national
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disease. As with other applied behavior-analytic methods, the field of behavioral ecology typically arranges or rearranges behavioral antecedents and consequences, for instance, placing trash receptacles in central locations, offering cash prizes and public recognition to increase recycling and proper disposal of trash (e.g., Bacon-Prue, Blount,
Pickering, & Drabman, 1980; Ludwig, Gray, & Rowell, 1998), and, in the Netherlands, providing information on energy conservation, prompts and feedback, both individual and collective, to promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, 1985). Irake the promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, 1985). Irake the promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, 1985). Irake the promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, 1985). Irake the promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, 1985). Irake the promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, 1985). Irake the promote long-term energy-saving practices in large office buildings (Staats, van Leeuwen, & Wit, 2000; see also Winett, Leckliter, Chinn, Stahl, & Love, Leckliter, & Love, Leckliter, & Love, & Love,
addressing means for changing environmentally harmful practices, some applied behavior analysts have examined not only individual and corporate practices but also cultural practices that may have catastrophic consequences, for instance, those associated with Western patterns of consumption (Biglan, 1995). Skinner clearly attempted to depict an
achievable "good life" (Skinner, 1967b). Relatedly, covert conditioning has been used extensively to treat problems such as obsessive-compulsive behavior, headaches, pain, asthma, and depression (Cautela & Kearney, 1993). As a youth, he read about the Shakers and other early 20th century communal societies. Chicago: University of Chicago; 1988
They lower health costs and its insurance and decrease the financial burden of remedial and special education. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall; 1995. At the time, though, Walden Two's readers were not likely aware of his science. [Google Scholar]Skinner B.F. A statement on punishment. Communal Societies. According to Juan Robinson.
Bustamente, who grew up and continues to make his home there, It makes me feel sad that a living Walden Two community like Los Horcones is judged on what grandfather Skinner did or didn't write in the novel. [Google Scholar]Cautela J.R. The use of covert conditioning in the treatment of a severe childhood phobia. These included minimizing
crowds and isolating infants, as needed, to reduce the spread of infection; exposure to the outdoors to maintain the immune system; and insuring daily physical exercise and nutritious meals to ensure general health maintenance. Applied behavior analysis Contemporary practices in applied behavior analysis likewise address disease prevention and
health promotion, as they should: Most chronic health problems are due to unhealthful behavior extended in time (i.e., lifestyles). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth; 2002. Computer based personalized system of instruction in applied behavior extended in time (i.e., lifestyles). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth; 2002. Computer based personalized system of instruction in applied behavior extended in time (i.e., lifestyles). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth; 2002. Computer based personalized system of instruction in applied behavior extended in time (i.e., lifestyles).
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and freedom and with Counter-Enlightenment Romanticism. Behavioral pharmacology researches methods for preventing and treating addictions (e.g., Higgins, Silverman, & Heil, 2008; see the 2008 special issue of JABA, pp. 471-651). [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Azrin N.H., Peterson A.L. Treatment of Tourette syndrome by habit
reversal: A waiting-list control group comparison. 1988 Jun;:22. Harvard Educational Review. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] Comunidad Los Horcones. Specifically, we should find Walden Two's promise present today in practices that make a difference in the human condition, and we do. The Utopian Genre By the standards of author
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G.L, Russell T.M, et al. 73-96. In addition, they increase workforce productivity and income, and thereby the quality of life, both for individuals and society. Walden Two is fundamentally about wisdom—wisdom that is the process and product of science, that is, knowledge. [PubMed] [Google Scholar] Tertinger D.A, Greene B.F, Lutzker J.R. Home safety.
Development and validation of one component of an ecobehavioral treatment program for abused and neglected children. How scientific practices matter: Reclaiming philosophical naturalism. You can learn more about how we (plus approved third parties) use cookies and how to change your settings by visiting the Cookies notice. Please try
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of organisms. [Google Scholar]Englemann K.K, Altus D.E, Mathews R.M. Increasing engagement in daily activities by older adults with dementia. 1986;19:321-328. S. pp. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Bellack A.S, Hersen M. In doing so, he pointed out five principles his book shared with Henry David Thoreau's (1854) Walden:(1) No
require more than rugged individualism. You can learn more about our use of cookies hereAre you happy to accept cookies? He believed in better living through science, as did, in general, the United States. Walden Two's practices were not dictated by Skinner or his science (Roemer, 1983). Health, wealth, and wisdom were not values unique to
Skinner, but are a central concern of the utopian literature, along with harmony, equality, and stewardship. 1985a;8:5-14. [Google Scholar]Skinner B.F. Why we are not acting to save the world. (2) If you do not like it, change it. Prevention of cancer. Among the other procedures are (a) assertiveness training to help people gain confident and self-
Christensen, 1996); and (e) self-management techniques to teach individuals to work independently on desired behavior change (e.g., Logue, 1995). Walden Two by such practices as distributing the community's resources equally; removing honorific titles
requiring that everyone participate in unskilled labor; rearing children communally; eating and working together; and compensating all forms of work, including work that was unpaid (e.g., housework, child care). Applied behavior analysis In the mid-1970s, applied behavior analysis began to expand into work at the community level (see Briscoe,
Hoffman, & Bailey, 1975) by, for example, developing community reinforcement approaches to the treatment of alcoholism that helped participants build rich networks of social connections and establish a culture of positive exchange (e.g., Hunt & Azrin, 1973; see Mattaini, 1996). B. One well-known example is an alarm that signals urination to
produce rapid toilet training and treat enuresis (Azrin & Foxx, 1971; Friman & Vollmer, 1995). [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] Franklin B. Perhaps the best known evaluation of these interventions was in the Follow Through programs to help disadvantaged children maintain their gains in Head Start. Treatment strategies to reduce
cancer risk include, for example, enhancing healthful behavior through public posting of goals, modeling, skill training, feedback, and incentives (e.g., raffles; e.g., Finney, Weist, & Friman, 1995; Lombard, Neubauer, Canfield, & Winnett, 1991). Every member, for example, enhancing healthful behavior through public posting of goals, modeling, skill training, feedback, and incentives (e.g., raffles; e.g., Finney, Weist, & Friman, 1995; Lombard, Neubauer, Canfield, & Winnett, 1991).
pool sufficient to meet the community's needs. In Skinner's account, practices are not dystopian simply because they control behavior. Behavior Therapy. Keller, 1968; see also interteaching, Boyce & Hineline, 2002). We would give over many choices to the community (e.g., food, clothing). [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Geller E.S.
 Prevention of environmental problems. [Google Scholar]Watkins C.L. Project follow through: A story in the identification and neglect of effective instruction. Something like a Walden Two would not be a bad start. [Google Scholar]Cautela J.R, Kearney A.J. Covert conditioning casebook. An important example of this is the widespread application and
national and international dissemination of the Teaching Family Model (Braukmann & Wolf, 1987; Wolf, 1987; Wolf, 1987; Wolf, 1987; See Powell, Fixsen, Dunlap, Smith, & Fox, 2007). Essential We use cookies to provide our services, for example, to keep track of items stored in your shopping basket, prevent fraudulent activity, improve the security of our services, keep
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example, in increasing the compliance of nurses in wearing gloves when working with AIDS (DeVries, Burnette, & Redirion, 1991). In addition to making improvements in education and training, applied behavior analysts have focused extraordinary effort in teaching and training persons who are disenfranchised by autism and other
developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, physical disabilities, and mental illness. [Google Scholar] Stokes T.F., Fawcett S.B. Evaluating municipal policy: An analysis of a refuse-packaging program. Contemporary Justice Review, 7, 267-286. APA Monitor. Living Walden Two: B. 1972b;32:18-20. Show less Show more Advertising ON OFF If you agree, we will use
cookies to complement your shopping experience, as described in our Cookie Notice Show more Also available in Hardback 46,79 € Burrhus Frederic Skinner (1904-1990), regarded by many as the most important and influential psychologist since Freud, earned his doctorate in psychology at Harvard University in 1931. 135–160. Social
justice and human well-being are in principle predictable and controllable, and are often so in practice, which Walden Two promises and, which we shall see, applied behavior analysis advances. Skinner's (1971a, 1972b, 1972a, 1985b) naturalistic approach to purpose, mind, and freedom was never well received in American intellectual and popular
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Humanism and behaviorism. Mixing behaviorism and utopia: The transformations of Walden Two. Covert conditioning casebook. Skinner (1954) was actively involved in education through the invention and promotion of teaching machines and programmed instruction (Morris, 2003). Ecobehaviorism and utopia: The transformations of Walden Two. Covert conditioning casebook. Skinner (1954) was actively involved in education through the invention and promotion of teaching machines and programmed instruction (Morris, 2003). Ecobehaviorism and utopia:
Initially, it sold about 700 copies a year, twice as many as The Behavior of Organisms (Skinner, 1938), his first book on his science. Finally, now that colleges and universities are becoming more interested in the scholarship of teaching, and thus with teaching outcomes defined in terms of student learning, they are promoting behavior-analytic
societal problems: applied behavior analysis (see Cooper, Heron, & Heward, 2007); and in the 1970s, Skinner reengaged utopian themes (e.g., Skinner, 1967a, 1967b, 1968; see Rutherford, 2009, on this history). Concord, MA: Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies; 2004. These typically involve redesigning environmental conditions so that
 behavioral antecedents and consequences can gradually shape desired outcomes. This model was originally designed to create therapeutic living environments for adjudicated youth so that they could acquire the education and training that would help them lead productive lives outside the judicial system. 1975;13:17-27.\ 125-146.\ Although a detailed
description of them might enlighten us about how Skinner thought a utopia could be achieved in his own time, a more compelling assessment of his contributions to solving problems of individual, social, and cultural importance may be found in the literature in applied behavior analysis (see Cooper et al., 2007; G. 1998;31:695-701. [PMC free article]
[PubMed] [Google Scholar]Hayes S.C, Strosahl K, Wilson K.G. Acceptance and commitment therapy: An experiential approach to behavior change. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Burgio K.L. Behavioral methods to the problems of older adults. Indeed, a special interest group of the
Association for Behavior Analysis International —a group known now as Behaviorists for Social Responsibility—has addressed such issues. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Staats H, van Leeuwen E, Wit A. [Google Scholar]Gras
M.E., Cunill M, Planes M, Sullman M.J.M, Oliveras C. Among these problems are the illegal sale of cigarettes to minors, which can be reduced by systematically monitoring merchants and levying penalties (Jason, Billows, Schnopp-Wyatt, & King, 1996) and the use of safety restraints in cars, which can be increased through procedures such as prompts
(e.g., reminders, signs), skill training (e.g., training in car seat installation), and incentives (e.g., Engerman, Austin, & Bailey, 1997; Gras, Cunill, Planes, Sullman, & Oliveras, 2003; Lavelle, Hovell, West, & Wahlgren, 1992). Within social groups, applied behavior analysis has been used to promote harmonious relations in living
arrangements by establishing work-sharing systems in which residents earn points exchangeable for a reduction in rent for completing housework (e.g., Miller & Feallock, 1975). K. [Google Scholar] Watson D.L, Tharp R.G. Self-directed behavior: Self modification for personal adjustment. (Vol. 16, pp. 271-275). 1986;9:129-132. 1995;28:39-46. Skinner
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marrying, renting an apartment, making a down payment on a car, having a child or two" (Skinner, 1979, p. 292). 1968;1:79-89. New York: Macmillan; 1948. Skinner's technology of behavior in American life: From consumer culture to counterculture. Even if you succeed in gaining power, you will not likely be able to use it any more wisely than your
predecessors. Integrative couple therapy: Promoting acceptance and change. People may be more approving of practices such as increased gasoline taxes if they discuss the merits of those practices with friends and neighbors at the grassroots level, thereby creating a supportive social environment. Although wealth may connote an antiutopian theme
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modify aggressive and cooperative behaviors in young children. show more 6,541 ratings 3.51 out of 5 stars 5 20% (1,282) 4 32% (2,089) 3 32% (2,125) 2 12% (792) 1 4% (253) {"bd_js_shop": "Shop", "bd_js_shop": "Shop": "Shop
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practices in a head injury treatment center. Indeed, a 10-year-old boy published a study on increasing recycling (J. Our older daughter had just finished first grade, and there is nothing like a first child's first year in school to turn one's thoughts to education" (Skinner, 1976, p. v). 2003;39:1-23. New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts; 1972a. [PMC free
article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar] Bacon-Prue A, Blount R, Pickering D, Drabman R. (2004). 1999;32:385–388. In: Sills D.L, editor. [Google Scholar] Fellowship for Intentional Community, editor. Skinner sought to eradicate the latter—dehumanization through aversive control—by understanding it well enough through science to control it and then to
replace it with humanizing forms of control through positive reinforcement that promoted social justice and human well-being. These were not dictated by Skinner's unique contribution to the utopian genre; it distinguishes Walden Two from all the others. [PMC free article]
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the science of behavior to design a new and better society. 287-306. Increasing recycling in academic buildings: A systematic replication. In reality, though, few such communities exist, or they have changed so much that they neither longer accept Skinner's naturalistic premises nor engage in the practices he described (Altus, Kuhlmann, & Welsh,
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been criticized, as noted, for being dystopian exercises in behavioral engineering and mind manipulation of sexual abusee in behavioral engineering and mine manipulation of sexual abuse. Training and generalization of sexual abuse in behavioral engineering and mine manipulation of sexual abuse.
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training for adults and children living in substandard conditions in an Honduran barrio of 30,000 persons (Cohen, 1994). Keller school. [Google Scholar]Kuhlmann H. 1993;25:366-370. Cookies are used to provide, analyse and improve our services; provide chat tools; and showyou relevant content on advertising. They have, for instance, improved the
lives of welfare recipients by promoting attendance at self-help meetings through the use of practical forms of reinforcement such as donated clothing and household goods (e.g., Miller & Miller, 1970). And, shortly before his dinner conversation, he had read Alice Tyler's (1944) Freedom's Ferment, which he described as a history of perfectionist
movements. In elaborating this science, he established a system of psychology that accounted for the mind without being mentalistic: behaviour. [Google Scholar]Winett R.A, Leckliter I.N, Chinn D.E, Stahl B, Love S.Q. Effects of television modeling
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family support (e.g., Azrin, Flores, & Kaplan, 1975). Skinner's extension of it to promote social justice and human well-being was a culmination of the Enlightenment philosophy that flowed forth from the Scientific Revolution. As for purpose, mind, and freedom, Skinner never sought to dismiss them, only to naturalize them. Critics also allege that the
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 long run.In summary, although behavior analysis has not been extensively applied to issues directly related to wealth and poverty, its applications in health and humanistic concerns, with Walden Two often as their context (e.g., Skinner
1971c, 1972a, 1972b, 1973b, 1973b, 1973c, 1977, 1986, 1987). They were community practices that met community practices as opposed to open cribs and playpens; group child-rearing practices as opposed to nuclear families; and self-control through positive and
negative reinforcement as opposed to punishment. (Skinner, 1979, p. 346) Walden, however, was only a "Utopia for one" (Skinner, 1973c, p. 2). Among the latter were practices to eliminate coercive and autonomy by enlarging
personal, social, and vocational repertoires, thereby increasing the individual's access to and choice among valued activities and the ability to have a more meaningful, self-directed life (see Bailey et al.), especially one that is satisfying (e.g., Green, Gardner, & Reid, 1997). Summary Applied behavior analysis has been demonstrably effective in
promoting the health, wealth, and wisdom of individuals and groups for the past 50 years. [Google Scholar] Skinner B.F. Beyond freedom and dignity. [Google Scholar] Friman P.C., Vollmer D. [Google Scholar] Skinner B.F. Beyond freedom and dignity. [Google Scholar] Skinner B.F. Humanistic behaviorism.
populations ranging from children with intellectual disabilities to college students (e.g., Crosbie & Kelly, 1994; Kritch & Bostow, 1998). Skinner's work also inspired the development of the personalized system of instruction (PSI), which allows students to move at their own pace through courses that are broken into curricular units that have to be
mastered before moving on to new material (F. [Google Scholar]Babcock R, Sulzer-Azaroff B, Sanderson M, Scibek J. Skinner's technology of behavior. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Azrin N.H, Flores T, Kaplan S.J. Job-finding club: A group-assisted program for obtaining employment. 1959;2:323-334. In the first part, we situate the
book in its historical, intellectual, and social context of the utopian genre, address critiques of the book's premises and practices, and discuss the fate of intentional communities patterned on the book. [Google Scholar]DeVries J.E., Burnette M.M., Redirion W.K. AIDS: Improving nurses' compliance with glove wearing through performance feedback.
[Google Scholar]Morris E.K. Behind closed doors: Subject and object. As one critic put it, Skinner's utopian vision could "change the nature of Western civilization more disastrously than the nuclear physicists and biochemists combined" (Jessup, 1948, p. 192). Handbook of prevention. Among these practices are lifestyle patterns that lead to excessive
energy consumption. Journal of Gerontological Nursing. [PMC free article] [PubMed] [Google Scholar]Cooper J.O, Heron T.E, Heward W.L. Applied behavior analysis. We try out many different techniques. 1977;10:391–398. Behavioral pediatrics, for example, designs methods for improving the health and well-being of children (e.g., Christophersen &
Mortweet, 2001; see the 1993 special section on behavioral pediatrics in the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis [JABA], pp. 421-504). Gradually, we work toward the best possible set" (p. 106). Westport, CT: Praeger; 1997. [Google Scholar]Maurice C, Green G, Luce S.C, editors. They call for a science and technology of behavior. 1990;5:98-106.
According to Skinner, such control produced destructive emotional by-products, led to acrimonious social relations, and was ineffective in the long run in promoting social justice and well-known example is the application of behavior analysis to autism, which is today's best empirically based
treatment for the disorder (see Harris & Weiss, 2007; Maurice, Green, & Luce, 1996). They were contingent on the community's evolution in the context of changes in the American culture. At Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, he noted the nearby site of the Oneida community. Early on, Frazier pointed out, "The actual achievement is beside the
point. Fortune. [Google Scholar]Christophersen E.R. Mortweet S.L. Treatments that work with children: Empirically supported strategies for managing childhood behavior problems. [Google Scholar]Skinner B.F. The non-punitive society. L. 1990;12:147-156. The American Scholar Schol
rehabilitation: Assessment and treatment strategies. The second was to assess the book's ultimate value by reviewing practices in behavior analysis that followed from it. As for our first purpose, we found Walden Two situated in the utopian genre that addresses means for maximizing social justice and human well-being by balancing (a) the community
members' ability to achieve these ends purposefully, consciously, and freely with (b) the community's ability to do the same, so as to ensure its survival. Indeed, they are found throughout the history of utopian writings, state constitutions, and religious documents, as well as in contemporary intentional communities (e.g., Fellowship for Intentional
Community, 2000). What Skinner offered in Walden Two were conjectures about community practices that might be instrumental in attaining health, wealth, and wisdom. Other reinforcement strategies are used to promote compliance with pediatric medical procedures (e.g., regimen compliance; preparation for body scans; e.g., Slifer, Koontz, &
Cataldo, 2002). Walden Two Mental health was fostered in Walden Two by providing meaningful work that used its members' individual strengths; ensuring sufficient opportunities for both group activities and privacy. Applied
behavior analysis Some of the earliest work in applied behavior analysis focused on mental health issues, for example, reducing aberrant behaviors of persons with severe and persistent mental illness (e.g., Ayllon & Azrin, 1968; Ayllon & Michael, 1959), work that has continued to the present but with a greater emphasis now on skills building (Bellack
& Hersen, 1993). And, behavioral safety works to improve personal and workplace safety in JABA, pp. 233-280, and the 1991 special section on behavior analysis and safety in JABA, pp. 233-280, and the 1991 special section on behavior analysis.
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