Actor/observer bias	The tendency to focus on situations rather than personality traits when interpreting our own behavior. (page 468)
Aggression	Any behavior that involves the intention to harm someone else. (page 490)
Altruism	Willingness to provide help when it is needed, with no apparent reward for doing so. (page 493)

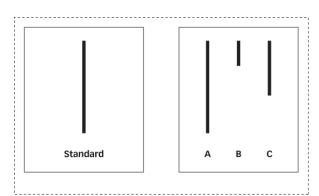
Attitude Accessibility	Ease or difficulty of retrieving an attitude from memory. (page 476)
Attitudes	Feelings and beliefs about objects, events, and ideas. (page 476)
Bystander effect	The failure to offer help by those who observe someone in need. (page 493)

Central route	A method of persuasion that uses high elaboration' that is, you pay attention to the arguments and consider all the information in the message. This method usual results in development of stronger attitudes that last over time and that you actively defend. (page 481)
Cognitive dissonance	An uncomfortable mental state due to a contradiction between two attitudes or between an attitude and a behavior. (page 479)
Companionate love	A strong commitment to supporting and caring for a partner. (page 496(

Compliance

The tendency to agree to do things requested by others. (page 486)

Conformity



The act of altering your own behaviors and opinions to match those of other people or to match other people's expectations.

(page 484)

Deindividuation



A state of reduced individuality, reduced self-awareness, and reduced attention to personal standards; it may occur when people belong to a group.

(page 483)

Discrimination	The inappropriate and unjustified treatment of people based on the group they belong to. (page 472)
Dispositional Attributions	Explanations for why events or actions occur based on people's internal characteristics, such as abilities, traits, moods, or efforts. (page 468)
Explicit attitudes	Attitudes that you are consciously aware of and can report. (page 477)

Frustration-aggression hypothesis	The idea that the more frustrated you feel, the more likely you are to act aggressively. (page 491)
Fundamental attribution error	The tendency to overemphasize personality traits and underestimate situations when attempting to explain other people's behavior. (page 468)
Implicit attitudes	An attiude that influences your feelings and behavior at an unconscious level and is often revealed indirectly through behavior. (page 478)

Ingroup favoritism	The tendency for people to evaluate favorably and privilege members of the ingroup more than members of the outgroup. (This term is in your book, but not listed as a key term)
Mere exposure effect	The increase in liking due to repeated exposure. (page 477)
Obedience	The act of following the orders of a person of authority. (page 487)

Outgroup homogeneity effect	The tendency to perceiving members of the ingroup as diverse, while perceiving members of the outgroup as similar to one another. (This term is in your book, but not listed as a key term)
Passionate love	A state of intense longing and sexual desire. (page 496)
Peripheral route	A method of persuasion that uses low elaboration; that is you minimally process the message. This method usually results in development of weaker attitudes that are more likely to change over time. (page 481)

Persuasion	The active and conscious effort to change an attitude by sending a message. (page 480)
Prejudice	Negative feelings, opinions, and beliefs associated with a stereotype about people in a particular group. (page 472)
Prosocial	Acting in ways that tend to benefit others. (page 493)

People's tendency to behave in ways that confirm their own expectations or other people's **Self-fulfilling prophecy** expectations. (page 470) Explanations for why events or actions occur based on external factors, such as the weather, Situational attributions luck, accidents, or other people's actions. (page 468) **Social facilitation** (a) An effect that occurs when the mere presence of others improves performance. (page 482)

FIGURE 12.15

Social loafing	An effect that occurs when people tend to work less hard in a group than they do when they work alone. (page 482)
Social norms	Expected standards of conduct that influence behavior. (page 486)
Stereotype threat	Apprehension about confirming negative stereotypes related to a person's own group. (page 470)



Warning: not all of the key ideas are on this list of key terms