

Attribution

Psychology

How we explain behaviour, and the errors we make systematically.

The main attributional biases.

Bias	What happens
Fundamental attribution error	Others' behaviour over-attributed to disposition
Actor-observer bias	Own behaviour attributed to the situation
Self-serving bias	Success internal, failure external
Just-world hypothesis	People get what they deserve
Halo effect	One positive trait colours all judgements

Kelley's covariation model: we use consensus, distinctiveness and consistency to decide between person and situation.