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# Stereotype

Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO)

## Source

*[Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology \(BCIO\)](#)*

**Definition:** A cognitive schema that when activated, guides perception, thought, emotion or behaviour toward members of a social group as having certain shared attributes, by virtue of their group membership.

**Comment:** The attributes of members are not definitional. For instance, a psychologist studying psychology is not a stereotype.

*This definition was imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (see <https://bciosearch.org/>). Comments and suggestions for improvements are welcome using the Qeios review system.*

*Definitions imported from the Behaviour Change Intervention Ontology (BCIO) are what are known as 'ontological definitions'. See this article in Qeios for an explanation <https://www.qeios.com/read/YGIF9B>.*

*Ontological definitions can sometimes be hard to read. In those cases we also include an informal definition.*

*Definitions also often require elaboration to make it clear how they should be used and what they include. In those cases we include a comment.*

*Also, definitions sometimes require an explanation as to how they came about to help users understand how they relate to alternative definitions. In those cases we include a curator note.*