Making Research Personal

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LEARNING CHECK-IN: Dr. Betsy Levy Paluck's Interview

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Objectives

- ✓ To learn about the life of a prominent psychological researcher
- ✓ To expand awareness of what psychology research looks like

APA Goals for the Undergraduate Psychology Major (2.0)

- GOAL 4: Communication
 - ▶ 4.1 Demonstrate effective writing for different purposes
- GOAL 3: Ethical and Social Responsibility in a Diverse World
- > 3.3 Adopt values that build community at local, national, and global levels GOAL 5: Professional Development
 - > 5.5 Develop meaningful professional direction for life after graduation

Instructions

View the <u>interview</u> with Dr. Betsy Levy Paluck and answer the following questions:

- 1. What suggestion does Dr. Levy Paluck give to establish a sense of connection in the communities she researches? Why is this important to consider when doing research?
- 2. Dr. Levy Paluck described how her identity and assumptions have influenced her research choices. How might your identity have an impact on your research choices?
- 3. How does Dr. Levy Paluck's work impact social justice movements? That is, in her opinion, what is the role of experimentation on social and policy change?
- 4. What coping methods does Dr. Levy Paluck employ to maintain a healthy work/life balance? What coping methods can you see using yourself?
- 5. What did Dr. Levy Paluck discuss regarding her experiences and opinions that resonated with you? Were there areas that surprised you? Explain your answers.
- 6. Considering Dr. Levy Paluck's view of her career, do you believe life as an academic researcher may be a good fit for you? Why or why not?

