Presentations: Psychologists Defying the Crowd

Questions addressed by the chapter authors:

1. How have you defied the scientific, clinical, or political establishment in your work?
2. Why did you do this?
3. What kinds of opposition did you encounter?
4. How did you respond to this opposition?
5. What, if anything, would you differently now?
6. What were the costs to you, professionally and personally, of defying the establishment?
7. What were the benefits of your defiance?
8. What advice would you give other scientists who consider following a similar path of defying the establishment?

Besides addressing the above 8 points in your presentation, you should briefly discuss whether there are any findings discussed in class and/or Great Psychologists that facilitates understanding of the eminent psychologist who “defied the crowd.”

Chapters:

- Drifting my own way: Following my nose and my heart / Elliot Aronson
- On stepping on land mines / Ellen Berscheid
- Diet, obesity, public policy, and defiance / Kelly D. Brownell
- Psychology is not an enclave / John Garcia
- My way / Howard Gardner
- An unwilling rebel / Jerome Kagan
- The dangers of memory / Elizabeth F. Loftus
- Doing psychology my way / William J. McGuire
- Challenging the traditional personality psychology paradigm / Walter Mischel
- Adventures in cognition: From Cognitive Psychology to The Rising Curve / Ulric Neisser
- Moving forward by sticking your neck out / Robert Perloff
- Fighting the fads and traveling in the troughs: The value (as opposed to growth) approach to inquiry / Paul Rozin
- A funny thing happened on the way to the formulation: How I came to frame mental laws in abstract spaces / Roger N. Shepard
- It's absolutely impossible? A longitudinal study of one psychologist's response to conventional naysayers / Dean Keith Simonton
- It all started with those darn IQ tests: Half a career spent defying the crowd / Robert J. Sternberg
- What would draw a basic scientist into Head Start (and why would he never leave)? / Edward Zigler