

Applying the Bystander Effect

Read the following scenarios, and answer the questions according to the bystander theory. Be prepared to share and explain your answers.

1. Stan is walking down a busy city street on a snowy day. A homeless woman, crouched by the side of a building, is shivering.
 - a. What does Stan do?
 - b. Why?
 - c. What circumstances might change Stan's behavior?
2. Nicky has an appointment with her school counselor. When she arrives at the office, no one else appears to be there. She hears a scream from the adjacent office.
 - a. What does Nicky do?
 - b. Why?
 - c. What circumstances might change Nicky's behavior?
3. Stacy is driving home late at night on an unfamiliar road. A man is standing by a car on the side of the road. He appears to be trying to flag down oncoming cars.
 - a. What does Stacy do?
 - b. Why?
 - c. What circumstances might change her behavior?
4. Gamal is visiting a college he hopes to attend. As he is walking across the campus, he sees a man lying on a walkway. Other students are just passing by the man.
 - a. What does Gamal do?
 - b. Why?
 - c. What circumstances might change his behavior?
5. Tina is standing alone at an intersection, waiting to cross the street. A car stops and the passenger asks Tina for directions.
 - a. What does Tina do?
 - b. Why?
 - c. What circumstances might change her behavior?