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### Chapter 22 - Psychological Defense: Contemporary Theory and Research

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### Publisher Summary

This chapter discusses psychological defense which refers to the process of regulating painful emotions— such as anxiety, depression, and loss of self-esteem. Defense mechanisms are usually defined more narrowly as mental processes that operate unconsciously to reduce some painful emotion. Defense is further restricted to threats aroused by the individual's thoughts and wishes, particularly psychological conflict over issues of sex and aggression. Later, several types of mechanism of defense are discussed in this chapter. Denial refers primarily to defense against painful aspects of external reality. It is usually considered a primitive defense, both in the sense of developing early and in the sense of crudeness and simplicity. The term self-deception is used in many distinguishable ways. Self-deception is a distinct form of defense in which the individual shows moral weakness in disavowing some unpleasant truth. For many years, the topics of defense and the unconscious were virtually taboo in social

psychology. This rejection peaked with the advent of attribution theory where the tendency was to explain all the mental processes in terms of cold cognition. A number of developmental psychologists have proposed that defenses can be conceptualized along with a developmental continuum, according to their complexity and degree of maturity.

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