Introduction, 1/14/03
(Syllabus: http://psych.colorado.edu/~rolson/4521-03/)

- Student and professor introductions, pictures
- Pop quiz
- What the course is about
- Why I chose these topics and readings
- Please go see “Bowling for Columbine” on violence and fear in the U.S.A.
A True-False Test from David Cohen

1. Most mental illness is caused by dysfunctional parenting or by stressful social conditions.
2. Abused children most likely will become abusive parents.
3. Genetically influenced behaviors are mostly unchangeable.
4. The longer spouses live together, the more they resemble one another psychologically.
5. Children praised for extraordinary performance usually perform even better next time.
7. Adults who were reared in adoptive homes are, in their personality and intelligence, more similar to their adoptive siblings than to strangers in the community.
8. Children learn language mostly by instruction and imitating their parents.
9. Family resemblance in personality and intelligence comes mostly from family members living together in a shared environment.
10. Genetic influence on intelligence gets weaker as individuals get older and accumulate different experiences in their environment outside the home.