The Interpersonal Communication Book

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The book’s philosophical foundation continues to be the notion of choice. Choice is central to interpersonal communication; as speaker, listener, and communication analyst, you are constantly confronted with choice points at every stage of the communication process and these choices will influence the effectiveness of your messages and your relationships. The Interpersonal Communication Book provides a highly interactive presentation of the theory, research, and skills of interpersonal communication with integrated discussions of diversity, ethics, workplace issues, face-to-face and computer-mediated communication and a new focus on the concept of choice in communication. Recognized for its ability to help students understand the crucial connection between theory and practice, this thirteenth edition presents a comprehensive view of the theory and research in interpersonal communication and, at the same time, guides students to improve a wide range of skills.
In interpersonal communication, knowledge about communication and the ability to engage in communication effectively. "Language competence" is a speaker's ability to use the language; it is a knowledge of the elements and rules of the language. Complementarity. An interpersonal process by which individuals work together for a common end; the pooling of efforts to produce a mutually desired outcome. In conversation, an implicit agreement between speaker and listener to work together for mutual comprehension. Credibility. Taking an interpersonal communication course as an undergraduate is what made me change my major from music to communication studies. I was struck by the clear practicality of key interpersonal communication concepts in my everyday life and in my relationships. I found myself thinking, "Oh, that's what it's called!" or "My mom does that to me all the time!" I hope that you will have similar reactions as we learn more about how we communicate with the people in our daily lives. 6.1 Principles of Interpersonal Communication. Learning Objectives. Define interpersonal communication. Discuss the fu