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Human Behavior in the social environment 2

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Reflection #2

1-Describe the four assumptions underlying the biopsychosocial framework employed in this book for assessing human behavior concerns. First, the book mentions that there are three basic dimensions for assessing human behavior and the social environment: biophysical, psychological, and social. Second, the book describes that these three dimensions “ *biophysical, psychological, and social*” are conceptualized as a system of biopsychosocial functioning. Third, it assumes that this system involves multiple systems that are organized in a hierarchy of levels from the smallest to the largest. Lastly, it assumes that this ascending hierarchy of systems is in a constant state of interactions with other living systems and with other non living components of the system’s physical environment. .

2-Compare how risk and protective factors affect developmental outcomes. The high unemployment rate, divorce, poverty, discrimination, inadequate social institutions, corrupt governmental and other institutions, and impoverished neighborhoods are all examples of how the risk factor affects developmental outcome.