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Session 155: Inside JABA Series #7
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Inside JABA Series #7:

*There is No Such Thing as a Bad Boy: The
Circumstances View of Problem Behavior*

In previous appearances on this podcast and elsewhere, Pat Friman has told the story of Father Flanagan, founder of BoysTown. According to Pat, Father Flanagan often made the following statement when describing his philosophy of helping troubled youths: "there is no such thing as a bad boy, only bad environments, bad modeling, and bad teaching."

For the Spring 2021 issue of the Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, Dr. Linda LeBlanc invited Pat to expand on these remarks in the issue's lead paper. In this podcast, I'm joined by both Linda and Pat, as well as Inside JABA regular, Dr. Claire St. Peter, where we talk at length about the "circumstantial view" of behavior as it applies to both clinical practice in particular, and societal trends more generally.

Specifically, we discuss:

- How this paper fits into LeBlanc's "big idea" concept.
- How "big idea" papers are often conceptual rather than data based.
- Why Pat stopped presenting papers with original data, and why he started giving more thematic talks.
- The difference, from Pat's perspective between giving a talk and writing a journal article.
- A brief history of BoysTown.
- Just what is the Circumstantial View of problem behavior?
- Some examples from Pat's life where he failed to take the Circumstantial View of behavior.
- Why the Circumstantial View has failed to flourish?
- How supervisors can incorporate these views with trainees and other team members?
- Why it is important to tell a real-life story as a vehicle for explain a behavioral principles.
- Why Pat's view of Walden Two has changed.
- Movies that demonstrate both the Circumstantial and Characterological View of behavior.
- And much more!

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