
Contents

How to Read This Book	vii
Acknowledgments	viii
Introduction: The Production of Idiocy	1
1. The Logic of Behavior	16
2. Extasis: The Context of Behavior	43
3. The Logic of Abstraction	64
4. The Desperate Debtor and the Tradition of Authenticity	85
5. Self-Possession and the Estrangement of Power: The American Example	118
6. The Political Psychology of Permission	143
Afterword	157
Reference Titles Used in Source Notes	158
Bibliography	161
Index	167