

## Narcissistic Personality Disorder

Narcissistic personality disorder can be described as a condition in which people have an excessive sense of self-importance, lack empathy for others, and possess an extreme preoccupation with themselves causing them to seek the admiration of others. Beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of settings, people with this personality disorder may inflate their accomplishments, get easily angered when criticized, show little interest in others' experiences, and require excessive admiration.



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### Personality Functioning

#### Self Functioning

##### Increased Self-Importance

###### [Up-arrow Self-Importance Throne](#)

A key feature of narcissistic personality disorder is individuals with an increased sense of self-importance. They may believe that they are special/unique and have preoccupations with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love. Persons with narcissistic personality disorder may exploit others in order to achieve their personal desires.

##### Inflation of Accomplishments

###### [Inflated Accomplishment](#)

Persons with narcissistic personality disorder may exaggerate or inflate accomplishments and talents. They may possess improper personal standards, expecting to be recognized as superior without achievements that warrant it.

##### Often Angered when Criticized

###### [Angered by Critic](#)

Since individuals with narcissistic personality disorder have fragile self-esteem, they are often angered when criticized. They expect to consistently meet their expectations and receive positive feedback from others. Criticism leads to feelings of humiliation and dejection.

### Interpersonal Functioning

##### Little Interest in Others' Experiences

###### [Not Interested in Others' Experience](#)

Persons with narcissistic personality disorder demonstrate little interest in others' experiences. They believe they are more important than others and deserve the attention. When seeking a partner, the person will choose someone who will consistently provide them with praise and who does not require much attention for themselves.

##### No Empathy

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Individuals with this disorder often lack empathy or are unwilling to recognize the needs or feelings of others. They are overly self-centered and have little concern for other people.

## Pathological Personality Traits

### **Grandiosity**

#### [Grand-piano](#)

Individuals with narcissistic personality disorder feel entitled to receive special rights and privileges. They believe that their desire is enough to justify obtaining what they want.

### **Demands the Best**

#### [Demanding Beethoven](#)

Individuals with narcissistic personality disorder believe they have the undeniable right to receive the best of what they desire. They demand the best and expect to receive what they want.

### **Requires Admiration of Others**

#### [Requiring Others to Admire](#)

Persons with narcissistic personality disorder are extremely sensitive to the criticism of others. They have fragile self-esteem and experience feelings of rage and humiliation when given criticism. They expect attention and continuous positive feedback from others.