

Study protocol for

- a) Seven-factor model of personality space – evidence from a cross-cultural study
- b) The role of narcissism HEXACO and disintegration in conspiracy beliefs

Participants

Two samples, UK and German.

In each sample 360 respondents from the general population will be recruited. Number of females and males will be approximately equal. Preferable age range is 18 – 75 years (mean around 40). Preferable educational level are 20%, 60% and 20% for the three educational levels (see the socio-demographic variables section), respectively

Instruments and variables

1. HEXACO 100-item inventory (Lee, & Ashton, 2016), with 5 alternatives from 1 – strongly disagree to 5 – strongly agree, measuring 24 facets within 6 basic personality domains and interstitial Altruism scale (total 25 facets):

Honesty-Humility (Sincerity, Fairness, Greed Avoidance, Modesty – 16 items altogether)

Emotionality (Fearfulness, Anxiety, Dependence, Sentimentality - 16 items altogether)

Extraversion (Social Self-Esteem, Social Boldness, Sociability, Liveliness - 16 items altogether)

Agreeableness (Forgiveness, Gentleness, Flexibility, Patience - 16 items altogether)

Conscientiousness (Organization, Diligence, Perfectionism, Prudence - 16 items altogether)

Openness to Experience (Aesthetic Appreciation, Inquisitiveness, Creativity, Unconventionality - 16 items altogether), and Altruism (4 items)

2. DELTA 20-item Likert-type scale (Knezevic, Savic, Kutlesic & Opacic, 2017), with 5 alternatives from 1 – strongly disagree to 5 – strongly agree, measuring 9 Disintegration facets within the domain of Disintegration:

Perceptual Distortion (3 items)

General cognitive/executive impairments (3 items)

Paranoia (2 items)

Mania (2 items)

Apathy/Depression (2 items)

Flattened Affect (2 items)

Somatoform Dysregulation (2 items)

Enhanced Awareness (2 items)

Magical Thinking (2 items)

3. Conspiracy beliefs measured by the Conspiracy scale Generic Conspiracist Beliefs Scale (Brotherton, French, & Pickering, 2013) – 15 items, Likert-type scale with 5 alternatives from 1 - definitely not true to 5 -definitely true.
4. Narcissism measured by Individual narcissism scale, a simplified version of 40 item narcissistic personality inventory (Raskin & Hall), containing 18 items (Ang & Yusof, 2006), Likert-type scale with 5 alternatives from 1 – not at all like me to 5 – very much like me.

Socio-demographic data

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Order of administration:

1. HEXACO
2. DELTA
3. CONSPIRACY
4. NARCISSISM
5. SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

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