

From: **Colin DeYoung** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, Oct 11, 2012 at 1:14 PM
Subject: RE: data request
To: Brad Verhulst <[REDACTED]>, Pete Hatemi <[REDACTED]>

Hi Brad,

I certainly wasn't intending to take up much of your time, something in short supply for all of us, I'm sure. My apologies. This just happens to be very relevant for some of our research, and I thought you might be interested. Once we take a look at your raw data, then I'm sure we'll be able to figure out why our samples are different from yours. Pete said he'd get the ball rolling on that, and I appreciate both of your willingness to take some time to discuss this and to provide access to the data.

Just to follow up on your last comment (not expecting a reply), the negative loading for "Is it better to follow society's rules than go your own way?" means that high P is again associated with going your own way rather than following rules (this item is worded in the opposite direction from the other "rules" item). So both items in your P scale that are clearly conceptually related to authoritarianism indicate that P is **negatively** associated with authoritarianism, which is consistent with the two papers I sent this morning (which used purpose-built authoritarianism scales).

Best,
Colin

-----Original Message-----

From: Brad Verhulst [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Colin DeYoung; Pete Hatemi
Subject: Re: data request

Hi Colin,

Perhaps this one loading is not exactly what you expect, but all of the other loadings line up exactly with what you would expect with authoritarianism (and the societies rules item does go in the negative direction - which was what I looked at). So, for the vast majority of the items, our conclusion holds. Essentially, we view this as an empirical question. The personality and attitudes literature is a mess (both the Big 5 and the EPQ). Take neuroticism: some people find associations with liberalism (like us) and others find associations with conservatism (like Jost). This could be one of those cases with P.

Unfortunately, this exchange is really starting to take up a lot of my time, which is stretched very thin at the moment. I am not sure that I am clarifying anything for you. If you are interested in writing a critique of our paper, I think that that might be an interesting paper and a worthwhile project.

Best Wishes,
Brad

On Thu, Oct 11, 2012 at 10:54 AM, Colin DeYoung <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Hi Brad,
> Well, now I'm puzzled. If you look at your table, the direction of
> that loading is opposite to what you just said. Psychoticism is
> associated with going your own way, rather than following rules (i.
> e., it's anti-authoritarian). This is consistent with the published
> papers that I have found (see attached). P is negatively associated with
> authoritarianism.
> Eysenck's hypothesis was wrong; but then, he was wrong about a lot of
> things related to P.
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> Do you prefer to go your own way rather than act by the rules? .57
> Do you stop to think things over before doing anything?
-.31
> Would you take drugs which may have strange or dangerous effects? .79
> Do good manners and cleanliness matter much to you? -.42
> Would you like other people to be afraid of you?
.38
> Is it better to follow society's rules than go your own way?

-.46

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brad Verhulst [mailto:[REDACTED]]

> Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2012 7:59 AM

> To: Colin DeYoung

> Subject: Re: data request

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> Hi Colin,

> Exactly, That is the direction of the factor loading for the P factor
> (look at Appendix 1 in the Personality and Ind Diff paper).
> Unfortunately, I don't have any citations off the top of my head, but
> I am fairly certain that they are out there. I would suggest looking
> through Eysenck (1954) it probably won't be specifically
> Authoritarianism, but I think there is a really related trait in there
> (but it has been a very long time since I read that).

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> Brad

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> On Wed, Oct 10, 2012 at 4:08 PM, Colin DeYoung <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>> Thanks Brad,

>> I agree those items have an authoritarian flavor, but in the
>> direction of low P, not high. Authoritarians believe in following

>> rules, not going one's own way. Do you know of any older papers
>> showing a positive correlation between authoritarianism and P?
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>> Best,
>> Colin
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Brad Verhulst [mailto:████████████████████]
>> Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 2:26 PM
>> To: Colin DeYoung; Pete Hatemi
>> Subject: Re: data request
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>> Hi Colin,
>> I'm guessing that you say the Pers & Ind Diff paper and the AJPS
>> paper. We also have one in the Journal of Theoretical Politics, that
>> I am
> attaching.
>> We have another under review and others in preparation that we are
>> not circulating at this point (we have been bitten by that in the past).
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>> As far as the items that you pulled out of the P scale, they also
>> seem to have an authoritarianism flare to them as do the items about
>> not cooperating with other and wanting others to be afraid of you. I
>> will have to take a look at the papers that you sent along, but the
>> authoritarianism interpretation of P that we rely upon seems to
>> correlate
> with conservatism.
>> Again, I am not overly happy with the psychometric properties of the
>> P scale, but notwithstanding that the results seem to replicate in
>> our samples.
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>> Good Luck sorting this out,
>> Brad
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>> On Wed, Oct 10, 2012 at 2:47 PM, Colin DeYoung <████████████████████> wrote:
>>> Hi Brad,
>>> Thanks for the comments. I'm aware that the P scale is terrible.
>>> Attached is a nice psychometric demolition of it by Goldberg (note
>>> how he basically tricks Eysenck into giving evidence against
>>> himself). One of the things they show in that chapter is that P is a
>>> combination of A and C (reversed) from the Big Five. There are
>>> several older papers that show a negative association of P with
>>> conservatism. Then there your papers showing a positive association.
>>> We suspect that some of these discrepancies might have to do with
>>> the diverse item content of P. In some of my previous work
>>> (attached) we found a complicated relationship between A and C and
>>> conservatism, and we're hoping that getting down to item level
>>> analysis of the P scale in your data might potentially clarify things.
>>> If you consider Bouchard's work on the TMVT (traditional moral
>>> values

>>> triad) the central idea is that items like "Do you prefer to go your
>>> own way rather than act by the rules?" and "Is it better to follow
>>> society's rules than go your own way?" will be answered such that
>>> socially and politically conservative people provide
>>> conformist/rule-following answers. This could explain why P
>>> sometimes shows a negative correlation with conservatism, and also
>>> why the Lie scale sometimes shows a positive correlation with
>>> conservatism (which is also opposite to what you report) -- some of
>>> the Lie scale items describe conformity with traditional moral
>>> norms, a conservative tendency. Hopefully by looking at specific
>>> items from the personality
>> scales and the W-P, we'll get a better handle on things.

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>>> I've only seen 2 of your papers on this topic; could you send me the
>>> others, if they're out or in press?

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>>> Best,

>>> Colin

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: Brad Verhulst [mailto:]

>>> Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 3:01 PM

>>> To: Colin DeYoung

>>> Cc: Pete Hatemi

>>> Subject: Re: data request

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>>> Hi Colin,

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>>> Two brief comments:

>>> 1. Which personality traits? We have about 5 papers on this now and
>>> the primary relationship with the attitudes is with psychoticism (P)
>>> and conservatism. P tends to be correlated with authoritarianism and
>>> low levels of openness in some of the student samples that I have
>>> (both of which are correlated with Conservatism also). The fact that
>>> you found the opposite relationship is a little strange. Looking at
>>> N and E (from the EPQ), the relationships are much more variable.
>>> It is possible that the population we drew our sample from is
>>> different from

>> yours.

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>>> 2. P is a terrible scale! There is a lot of measurement error there,
>>> so we have tried to be as cautious as possible when interpreting our
>> findings.

>>> Remember that Eysenck built his theory around E and N, and included
>>> P as a way to tap the rest (but you probably know this literature
>>> better than I do).

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>>> Good luck figuring this out,

>>> Brad

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>>> On Tue, Oct 9, 2012 at 3:30 PM, Colin DeYoung <[REDACTED]> wrote:

>>>> Thanks, Pete!

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>>>> Brad, just to provide a little background: We have a fairly large
>>>> dataset showing opposite associations of liberalism vs
>>>> conservatism with personality variables from those you reported
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> your two papers.

>>>> We're hoping that an examination of your data will help us figure
>>>> out why the samples might be so different.

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>>>> Best,

>>>> Colin

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>>>> From: Pete Hatemi [mailto:[REDACTED]]

>>>> Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 9:20 AM

>>>> To: [REDACTED]

>>>> Cc: Brad Verhulst

>>>> Subject: RE: data request

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>>>> Hi Colin,

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>>>> we used to have a link with a form to request data, but now all the
>>>> procedures have changed. Now, no raw data can be sent ever or
>>>> downloaded

>>> etc

>>>> ., off-site. I don't know the whole process now, but basically, if I
>>>> recall, we have some sort of request (so any specifics on the
>>>> papers etc , investigators, purpose etc would be beneficial), VIPBG or
>>>> QIMR sets up an account, we cut a specific file for you and place
>>>> in a sep folder on the server , and once your account is approved
>>>> and set up, you can then analyze the data on the server, but never
>>>> download to a local machine. If I recall, there were some major
>>>> data security issues that were identified last year, so new
>>>> processes are going up, but I do not think everything has been
>>>> worked out. I'm cc'ing Brad as this is mostly his show as well.

>>>> Give me a few days and I'll see if I can get
>>> a form out to you and get the process going.

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>>>> Cheers,

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>>>> From: Colin DeYoung <[REDACTED]>
>>>> Date: Sun, Oct 7, 2012 at 10:29 PM
>>>> Subject: data request
>>>> To: Pete Hatemi <[REDACTED]>
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>>>> Hi Pete,
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>>>> My student is after me to get back to you about your data for the
>>>> personality and politics papers. Would it be possible for us to get
>>>> the raw data from your two papers with Verhulst? The 2012 AJPS
>>>> article states that the data are available on the web at
>>>> <http://polisci.la.psu.edu/facultybios/hatemi.html> but this link
>>>> appears to be broken.
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>>>> Best,
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