

Personality research: A bright spot in the midst of psychology's 'replication crisis'

While psychology has been mired in a “replication crisis” recently – based on the failure of contemporary researchers to recreate some of its most cherished findings – there have been pockets of good news for certain sub-disciplines in the field.

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[W]e may now add personality psychology, or at least the specific area of research linking the Big Five personality trait scores with various personal and life outcomes, such as higher Neuroticism being associated with poorer mental health and reduced relationship satisfaction.

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[Researcher Christopher] Soto sourced 78 previously published trait-outcome associations from a major review published in 2006 “[Personality and the Prediction of Consequential Outcomes](#)”. To see if these effects replicated, he recruited four online samples totalling over 6,000 younger and older participants, and asked them to complete an established 60-item measure of the Big Five personality traits, and then to complete various measures of other life outcomes.

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The vast majority (around 87 per cent) of the previously published trait-outcome associations replicated. This is not a perfect result, obviously, but it is far more impressive than the average 36 per cent replication rate [achieved in 2015 by the Reproducibility Project's attempt](#) to replicate findings across social and cognitive psychology.

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