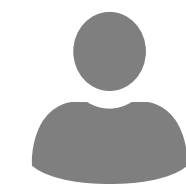


Interpersonal Projection of Right-Wing Authoritarianism

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INTRODUCTION

- Right-wing authoritarianism (RWA) emphasizes obedience to authority and control and has long been problematic in social/political movements.
- RWA has joined economic and social conservatism as staples of the U.S. conservative movement.
- These three aspects of U.S. conservatism likely have different interpersonal signatures, which can be measured using the interpersonal circumplex (IPC).
- Understanding different aspects' projections across the IPC may be useful in understanding contemporary political discourse.

METHODS

- Study participants were 189 workers on Prolific (age_{mean} 44 years; see Table 1) and were balanced in terms of men and women.
- Measures: RWA scale, Social and Economic Conservatism scales, and IAS-R.
- We examined the projections of aspects of conservatism across the IPC using a bootstrapped structural summary approach.

RESULTS

- RWA projected broadly into the dominant area of the IPC (see Table 2, Figure 1).
- Economic and social conservatism had diffuse projections across the IPC (see Figures 2-3).

DISCUSSION

- The interpersonal projection of RWA is consistent with its focus on dominance and control.
- The broadness of its projection may be a function of heterogeneity in how people understand RWA.
- Some may view authoritarianism as aggressive (cold-dominant) and others comforting (warm-dominant).
- The same may be true for other aspects of conservatism, whose projections were less distinct.
- Future research can examine what factors might be associated with different projections (e.g., age, race, political affiliation).

Right-wing authoritarianism has a stronger and more dominant interpersonal projection than economic or social conservatism.



Table 1
Sample Demographics

	n (%)
<u>Race</u>	
Asian	20 (10%)
Black	20 (10%)
Multiracial	4 (2%)
Native American	1 (1%)
White	137 (73%)
Other/Not Listed	7 (4%)
<u>Political Affiliation</u>	
Democratic	88 (47%)
Independent	59 (32%)
Republican	24 (13%)
Other	16 (9%)

Table 2
Structural Summary

	RWA	Economic	Social
Fit (R ²)	.91	.42	.64
Warmth	.02	.09	.09
Dominance	.07	.02	.06
Elevation	-.003	.02	.02
Amplitude	.07	.09	.10
Displacement	74.31	13.73	35.89

Figure 1
Projection of RWA Across the IPC

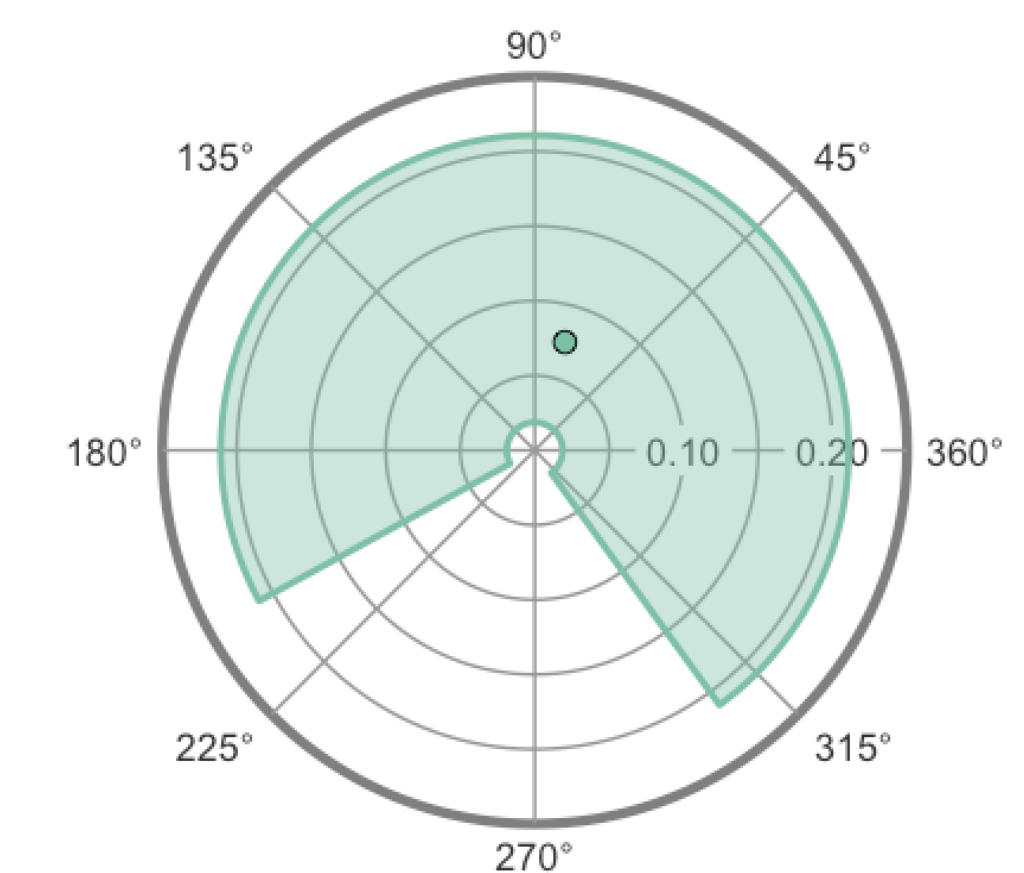


Figure 2
Projection of Economic Conservatism Across the IPC

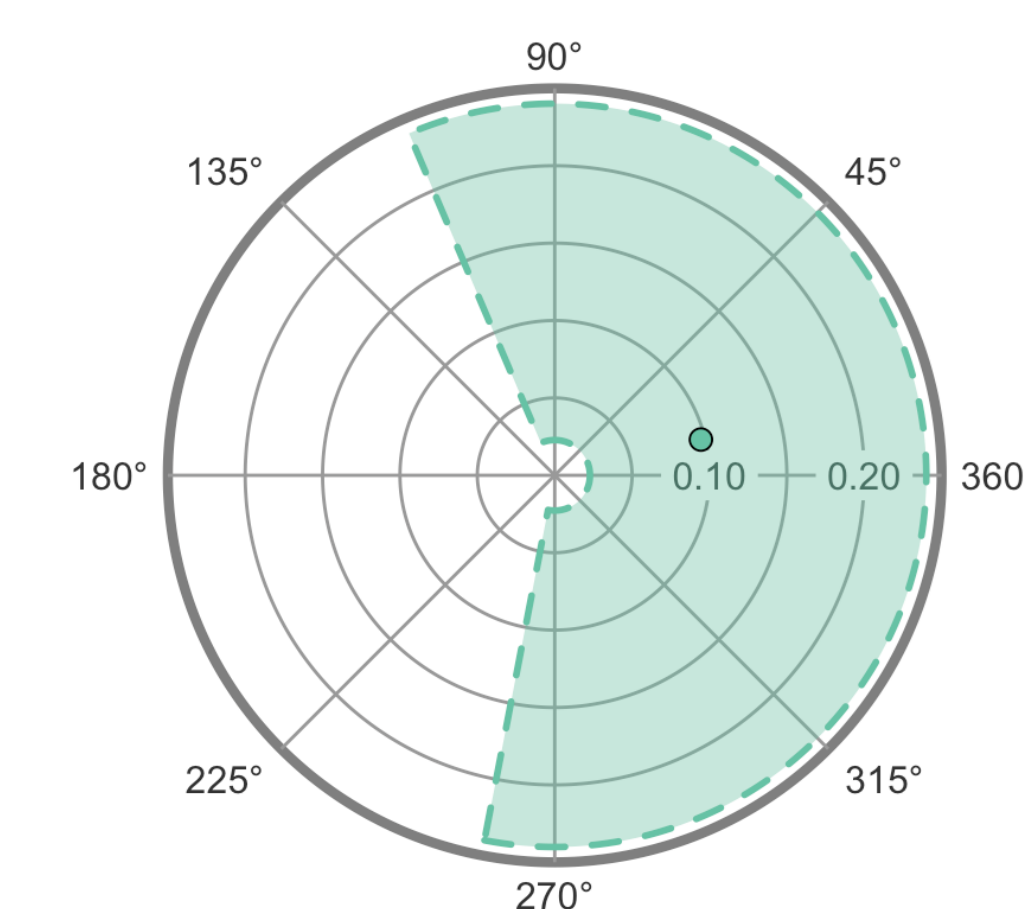


Figure 3
Projection of Social Conservatism Across the IPC

