

Hope and Well-being in a Multicultural Context



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Background







Article

Why We Should Empty Pandora's Box to Create a Sustainable Future: Hope, Sustainability and Its Implications for Education

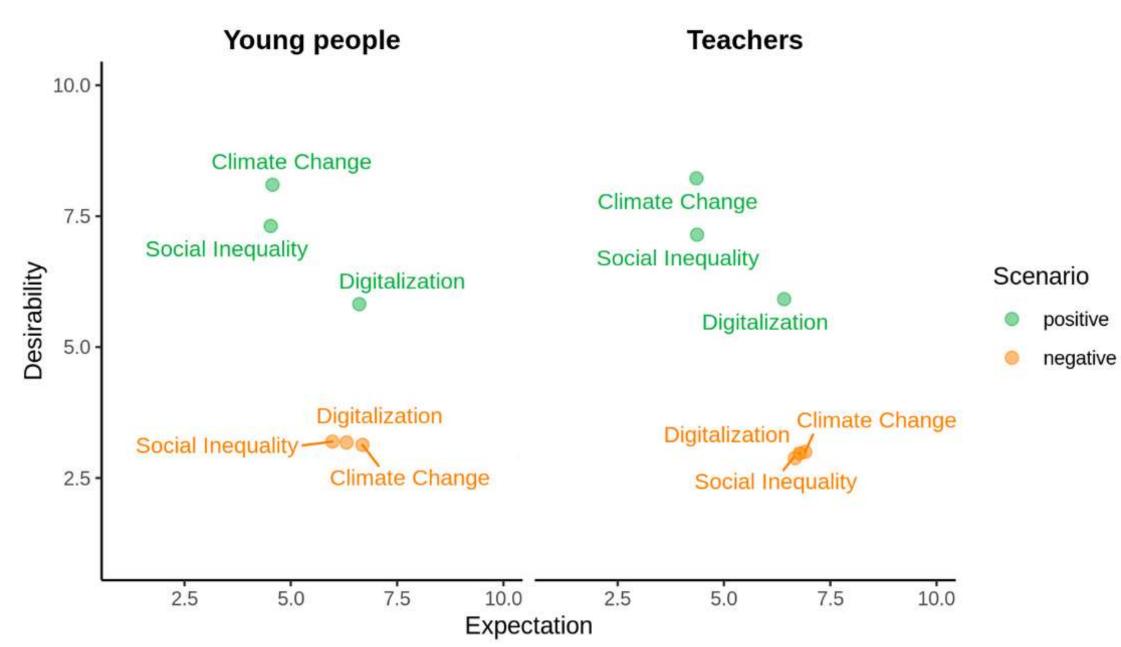
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Background





Goals



1. Participants learn about the commonalities and differences regarding worldviews and values in diverse cultural environments and their relations to hope and well-being.

2. Participants acquire new insights into the nature and qualities of hope and its relation to well-being.

What is hope all about?



Emotional dimension:
 Hope is about feelings of trust and relatedness



2. Self-transcendent and spiritual dimension: Hope is about faith and beliefs



3. Cognitive dimension:

Hope is about goals, will-power and self-efficacy





The importance of worldviews



A worldview is a coherent collection of concepts that allow us to construct a global image of the world and of ourselves, and in this way to understand as many elements of our experience as possible (Aerts et al., 1994).

Worldviews include:

- 1. Basic assumptions and beliefs about oneself and the world.
- 2. Universal <u>human values</u> related to what is good and worthy.

Our research questions



How do worldviews relate to the quality and level of hope?





How are worldviews related to hope in different cultures?





Perceived hope



Adaptation, Further Elaboration, and Validation of a Scale to Measure Hope as Perceived by People: Discriminant Value and Predictive Utility Vis-à-Vis Dispositional Hope

Assessment
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$$\alpha = .88 \text{ to } .89$$

- 1. Hope improves the quality of my life.
- 2. I feel hopeful.
- 3. I am hopeful with regard to my life.
- 4. In my life hope outweighs anxiety.
- 5. My hopes are usually fulfilled.
- 6. Even in difficult times I am able to remain hopeful.



Hope-Barometer Data Collection



Bei der Beantwortung der Fragen geht es um Ihre persönliche Meinung. Nehmen Sie sich eine Viertelstunde Zeit, um sich hier mit zentralen Fragen Ihres Lebens auseinanderzusetzen:



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Was sind Ihre Hoffnungen und Wünsche für 2016?





Umfrage

Was sind Ihre Hoffnungen für 2018?

Was erwarten Sie vom kommenden Jahr? Was wünschen Sie sich? Machen Sie mit bei der aktuellen Umfrage zum Hoffnungsbarometer 2018!



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Publications





Andreas M. Krafft · Andreas M. Walker

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Grundlagen aus Psychologie, Philosophie, Theologie und Ergebnisse aktueller Forschung

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Andreas M. Walker *Editors*

Hope for a Good Life

Results of the Hope-Barometer International Research Program







Basic assumptions and beliefs

Basic assumptions and beliefs



People operate on the basis of unchallenged, unquestioned assumptions and beliefs about themselves and the world. Basic assumptions and beliefs use to differ across several population groups with different societal and cultural backgrounds (Janoff-Bulman, 1989).

- 1. Perception of the world
- 2. Meaningfulness of the world
- 3. Beliefs about oneself



Basic assumptions and beliefs



1. Perception of the world:

- Benevolence of people
- Benevolence of the world





2. Meaningfulness of the world:

- Justice
- Controllability
- Randomness







3. Beliefs about oneself:

- Self-worth
- Self-control
- Luck







Perceived hope – Mean values





Mean values of hope, mental health and basic beliefs



Nov. 2017	Switz	zerland			South-			
140V. ZU17	German	German French Germany			Africa	Poland	Rep.	
	N=3306	N=1343	N=840	N=486	N=427	N=190	N=169	
Perceived Hope	3.41	2.94	3.21	3.59	3.74	3.08	3.32	
Mental Health	4.98	4.80	4.78	5.05	4.95	4.67	4.83	
Self-worth	3.49	3.76	3.48	3.64	3.61	3.03	3.06	
Luck	3.22	2.20	2.92	3.55	3.16	2.74	3.30	
Benevolence	2.84	2.28	2.62	3.27	3.14	2.78	3.00	
Self-control	2.71	2.97	2.89	3.43	3.50	3.07	3.21	
Randomness	2.69	2.51	2.86	2.79	2.53	2.67	2.89	
Control	2.47	2.23	2.51	2.23	2.56	2.78	2.57	
Justice	2.21	1.63	2.11	1.94	2.15	2.25	2.13	
Religiosity	1.71	1.65	1.60	1.87	2.69	2.08	1.66	

Multiple stepwise regression analysis with perceived hope



Dependent variable perceived hope

HOPE	Swiss- German	Swiss- French	Germany	Israel	South- Africa	Poland	Czech Rep.
	R^2 =.457	R^2 =.469	$R^2 = .470$	R^2 =.506	R^2 =.381	R^2 =.491	R^2 =.597
	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β

Control variables

Gender, age, education, family status, professional status

Luck	.30	.27	.27	.29	.11	.22	.31
Self-worth	.23	.21	.21	.27	.25	.17	.38
Benevolence	.22	.25	.29	.21	.32	.35	n.s.
Religiosity	.12	.11	.14	.07	.24	.13	.20
Justice	.07	.09	n.s.	.14	n.s.	.17	.19
Self-control	.04	.09	n.s.	.09	.10	n.s.	n.s.
Control	.04	n.s.	.11	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Randomness	04	06	06	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n. ş ₆



Universal human values

Theory of universal human values (Shalom Schwartz, 2012)

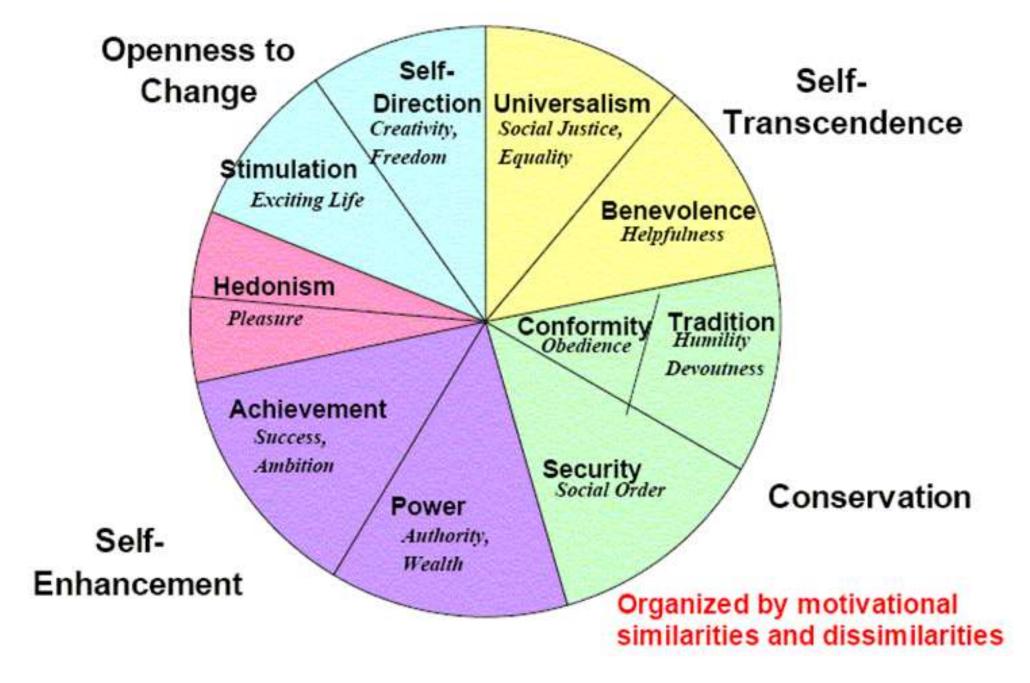


Values

- 1. are beliefs linked to emotions,
- 2. refer to desirable goals that motivate action,
- 3. transcend specific actions and situations,
- 4. serve as standards for evaluating actions, people and events,
- 5. form a relatively enduring <u>hierarchical system</u> ordered by importance,
- 6. the impact of values on everyday decisions is rarely conscious,
- 7. it is the relative importance of multiple, <u>competing values</u> that guides any action or attitude

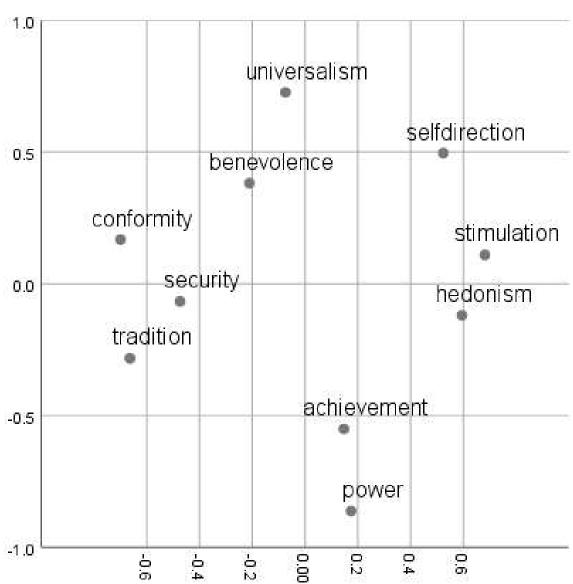
Theory of universal human values (Shalom Schwartz, 2012)





Multidimensional scaling of universal human values (Swiss sample)





Conservation

Openness to change

Self-Enhancement

Mean values of hope, flourishing and basic human values



Nov. 2018	Swiss- German	Swiss- French	Portugal	Spain	Czech Rep.	Poland	South- Africa
	N=3244	N=1202	N=808	N=528	N=338	N=169	N=109
Perceived Hope	3.40	2.96	3.59	3.42	3.59	3.61	3.62
Mental health	5.05	4.88	4.93	5.05	5.20	4.91	4.96
Flourishing	5.48	5.19	5.85	5.76	5.42	5.55	5.85
Self-Transcendence	4.82	4.69	5.27	5.11	4.84	5.00	5.06
Openness to change	4.80	4.55	4.86	4.76	4.65	4.84	4.85
Conservation	4.23	4.00	4.55	4.15	4.03	4.29	4.07
Self-Enhancement	3.15	3.00	3.61	3.07	3.41	3.53	3.47

Multiple stepwise regression analysis with perceived hope



Dependent variable perceived hope

HODT	Swiss- German	Swiss- French	Portugal	Spain	Czech Rep.	Poland	South- Africa
HOPE	R^2 =.161	R^2 =.156	R^2 =.266	R^2 =.122	R^2 =.151	R^2 =.149	R^2 =.173
	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β	Std. β

Control variables

Gender, age, education, family status, professional status

Self-Transcendence	.21	.25	.14	.18	.28	n.s.	.30
Openness to change	.18	.19	.17	.11	n.s.	.28	n.s.
Conservation	n.s.	n.s.	.11	n.s.	n.s.	.21	n.s.
Self-Enhancement	n.s.	.06	07	n.s.	.20	19	n.s.

Flourishing



Health is much more than the absence of illness.

Flourishing includes major aspects of social–psychological functioning (Diener et al., 2010):

- having supportive and rewarding relationships
- contributing to the happiness of others
- being respected by others
- having a purposeful and meaningful life
- being engaged and interested in one's activities
- feeling self-respect and optimistic
- considering oneself competent in important activities

Multiple stepwise regression analysis with flourishing



Dependent variable flourishing

	Swiss- German	Swiss- French	Portugal	Spain	Czech Rep.	Poland	South- Africa
Flourishing	R ² =.225	R^2 =.209	R^2 =.206	R^2 =.152	$R^2 = .300$	R^2 =.151	R^2 =.134
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Control variables Gender, age, education, family status, professional status

Self-Transcendence	.26	.19	.29	.25	.36	.25	.26
Openness to change	.18	.23	.14	.11	.12	n.s.	n.s.
Conservation	.06	.12	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Self-Enhancement	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	.21	n.s.	n.s.

General conclusions



1. It is worthwhile to believe that the world and people are basically good and that it pays-off to be good, tolerant and to help other people.

2. High levels of self-worth and the belief to be a lucky person as well as the willingness to be open to change are more important than trying to have all under control and to aspire self-enhancement.

3. Hope and flourishing are very much related to a positive worldview and to self-transcendent human values.

General conclusions



Give hope to the children,

not by teaching them to control the world, but by

- believing in the good
- fostering self-worth
- being open to new experiences



being tolerant, friendly and caring with others

What is hope all about?



Emotional dimension
 The Heart of Hope

2. Self-transcendent and spiritual dimension The Spirit of Hope

3. Cognitive dimension

The Mind of Hope





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Thank you very much!

Questions?

