

1: Positive Psychology Towards a Balanced Interactive Model

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Quadrant 2 is an important but much neglected area. Every virtue can become a vice when it is too much or too little. Quadrant 3 Negative “Positive holds enormous potential for enhancing the success and well-being of multitudes who feel that they cannot compete because of all the deficits and obstacles they face. The world is not fair in terms of life opportunities and health conditions. Some were born with several strikes against them, and they have to endure much more than their share of misfortunes and sufferings. Studying their adaptive processes and the positive potentials of various negative emotions and conditions can benefit large numbers of disadvantaged and disabled people. According to PP 2. Thus, the 4 Quadrants comprise a complete strategy of furthering the mission of PP. Social activism and political reform also belong to the realm of positive psychology if they result in the enhancement of justice and the common good Csikszentmihalyi, The positive motivations for the well-being of others have not attracted much attention from PP researchers. People in strong collectivist cultures may be more concerned about securing a better life for their family than for themselves. Over the years, I have met many professional individuals from China or Korea who work at low-paying jobs in Canada so that their children can have a better education and a better future. Thus, there are cultural differences in the balancing act between me and we. Examples of positive outcomes for individuals include life satisfaction, achievement, and self-esteem, while positive outcomes for groups would encompass harmonious relationships, group morale, and collaborative success. Toward a Balanced Definition of PP In view of the rapid expansion of PP, it becomes increasingly difficult to have a comprehensive definition that encompasses different aspects of PP. It is worth noting that Seligman et al. The focus on what is good about people in times of peace and prosperity is only half of the story. The whole story of PP is about how to bring out the best in people in good and bad times in spite of their internal and external limitations. Thus, PP may be defined as the scientific study of virtue, meaning, resilience, and well-being, as well as evidence-based applications to improve the life of individuals and society in the totality of life. Empirically, these four pillars incorporate many areas of mainstream research which recognizes the moral imperative, the centrality of meaning, the intrinsic human capacity for resilience, and the universal human yearning for happiness and a better future. Logically, it is difficult for people to survive and flourish lacking any of these four ingredients. It is always difficult and risky to identify areas as essential for positive psychology. My choice of these four additional pillars is based on both empirical research, as reviewed here, and the broadest possible psychological understanding of what is essential to make life better for individuals and society in good times and bad. Recently, Seligman has added relationships as an additional pillar, which is also included as a major source of meaning Wong, The Imperative of Virtue Virtue is concerned with what kind of person we want to be and the kind of values and character strengths we want to possess. Good invariably begs the question of good for what. A consensus is emerging among positive psychologists that what is good needs to be both for the individual and the common good. Virtue, not science, provides a moral map for how we ought to live our lives and how we ought to develop just and compassionate societies. It takes people with virtue and integrity to create positive institutions and democratic societies. Virtue is its own reward. It feels good from doing good, even when it hurts. Living a virtuous life may not always be good for the individual “because the pursuit of what is good and just may result in persecution and oppression” but it will be good for the common good Haybron, Fowers points out that virtues and ethics are important not only for psychologists but also for the good life in general: Research on virtues needs to recognize cultural differences as we move toward an international PP. Another concern is that purely subjective views of what is good will give license to people to do evil in the name of doing what they are best at, be it gambling, killing, or exploiting people. According to a value-neutral view of character strengths, even serial killers and terrorists can be considered living the good life Seligman, PP takes an ambiguous stance with respect to moral values because of its emphasis on science. On the one hand, Seligman emphasizes that the main purpose of PP is to understand and

enhance human strengths and civil virtues Seligman, On the other hand, the above quote seems to suggest that the display of the strength can contribute to the good life, even if it is destructive to others. Their stance on moral neutrality actually waters down their emphasis on the need for civil virtue in creating positive institutions and societies. Kraut maintains that the ethics of well-being must consider what is good and dismisses that it requires each individual to construct his or her own definition of the good. What is good depends on the purposes it serves. The good life demands the presence of virtue. At the heart of how we should live is the question of good—how we ought to live a worthy and excellent life that embodies the best existential values that characterise us as human beings. Virtue research incorporates several lines of mainstream research, such as moral development Gilligan, ; Kohlberg, ; Walker, , prosocial behaviour Clark, , and compassion Gilbert, , Moral psychology, at the intersection of psychology and philosophy, promises to be an area of substantial growth in PP, especially when eudaimonic well-being gains currency. The Centrality of Meaning Jerome Bruner has long sought to establish meaning as the central concept of psychology. A meaning-centered PP 2. However, the construct of meaning is much broader and richer. It is much more than being an antecedent or outcome measure of happiness. The seven major sources of meaning are very similar to the major sources of happiness Myers, Apart from sources of meaning, we also need to consider the structure and functions of meaning defined as PURE Wong, a which stands for Purpose, Understanding, Responsible action and Enjoyment. Functionally, these four components cover for many psychological processes for the good life: Purpose-Driven Life Purpose has to do with overall direction, life goals, and core values. It provides the framework of daily deliberations and navigating troubled waters. According to Kashdan and McKnight , purpose can be characterized as a central, self-organizing life aim. At a deeper level, purpose is concerned with the existential values: At a higher level, purpose refers to devoting something larger and higher than oneself; Park, Peterson, and Ruch considers this broader or higher concern as the hallmark of a meaningful life. Understanding and A Sense of Coherence Without a sense of coherence, life is incomprehensible, unpredictable, and unsettling. Without a sense of order and understanding of how the world works, we would have difficulty achieving hardiness Maddi, Without a clear sense of self-identity, we would not know what to do with our lives. Understanding entails the need for self-reflection and self-acceptance, which are components of meaningful living Wong, , Thus, curiosity, meaning-seeking, myth-making, and storytelling all contribute to our understanding of ourselves and the world we live in. Responsible Action It is concerned with doing what is right and what is good. With freedom comes responsibility. Since self-determination is one of the keys to happiness and the good life, the ability to make good decisions is paramount. Good decisions not only lead to successful or satisfying results for the individual, but also meet ethical requirements and contribute to the well-being of others e. To decide on the right course of action demands that we have the right purpose in life, the correct understanding of the situation, and careful consideration of its consequences on other people. One can feel satisfied with the decision and action even when one fails to accomplish the desired result. Thus, meaning is related to both SWB and eudaimonia. The evaluative component is necessary to ensure that one does not remain stuck in a rut. Here discontentment serves a positive function when it compels the unhappy person to make positive changes. The Central, Integrating Function of Meaning Meaning serves a vital function in integrating various aspects of human needs and functions. Furthermore, there is extensive literature on the relationships between meaning and various indices of well-being in personality and social psychology e. The Necessity of Resilience It is inevitable that we will experience setbacks, obstacles, failures, losses, sickness, and death. It makes a great difference how we respond to adversities. Typically, resilience is conceptualised in terms of protective factors within the individual and available in the culture or environment. Such factors not only prevent people from getting sick but enable them to bounce back from illness or trauma. The broadest way to view resilience is in terms of adaptation—the process of adjusting and overcoming setbacks, resulting not only in bouncing back but also in becoming stronger. Resilience simply means the capacity to endure, bounce back, and grow in the midst of adversities and existential anxieties; we can study resilience both in terms of the underlying processes and its beneficial effects on the human being. However, I conceptualise resilience as involved in both recovering and flourishing as defined by Keyes and Lopez Resilience depends on having sufficient inner and external resources to cope with whatever life throws at us.

Resilience also depends on learning effective coping strategies and skills to manage different kinds of troubles and threats. They define resilience as the development and application of science-based knowledge pertaining to positive development, positive adjustment and thriving across the life span. In sum, resilience is a complex and multifaceted adaptation process with cognitive, behavioural, social, and cultural components. The will to live is the key to resilience. Frankl defined the will to live as the will to meaning. The Psychology of Well-Being The good life necessarily entails well-being. The psychology of well-being serves as an umbrella term for happiness, health, flourishing, and optimal functioning at both the individual and national levels in both positive and negative conditions. Well-being denotes the desirable condition of our existence and the end state of our pursuit. All human efforts and ingenuities are directed to improving their well-being and bettering their future. Everyone who is seeking and striving for something is after some kind of well-being—something that makes them feel good and something that is evaluated as good and satisfying. Given that there are cultural differences, subjective well-being still provides a useful index on how we are doing and how well we live at the individual and national level. Diener and Tov have reported that overall life satisfaction and positive affects have different predictors in different countries. Well-being is concerned with both objective assessments of wellness and the subjective judgment of how satisfied one is with their life in terms of physical, mental, social, economic, and emotional well-being. A sense of well-being also comes from developing the attitudes and skills to appreciate life, savour the moments, and enhance happiness. There is a need to develop a more complete taxonomy and index of national and individual well-being. The CIW places too much emphasis on physical, social, and economic well-being and very little on psychological well-being such as meaning in life, subjective well-being, relationships, and spiritual well-being. Ryff proposed three major dimensions:

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New York, New York. Roland Barthes, the author of this article, describes food as nutrition as well as a protocol. In contemporary French Society, food is becoming important to? Barthes guesses that food will continue to lose in substance and gain in function what you or Barthes mean by this is not immediately obvious, and will be focused around two major points: He claims that the subject of food connotes triviality or guilt. The sociologists and economists realize that there is such a thing as the psychosociology of food, and a study of behavior of French working-class families was performed, showing the effects of what? Perrot concluded that economic factors have made less of a role than changing tastes have when considering changes in middle-class food habits. Food is described as a system of communication, a body of images, a protocol of usages, situations, and behavior. In other words, food sums up a situation, constitutes information, and becomes a sign and unit of a system of communication when one buys an item of food or consumes it. Food is a highly structured need, anthropologically speaking. Advertising plays a large role in isolating themes and situations that food signifies in the social environment. Food advertising is said to permit us to identify three groups of themes, according to the author. The first is the ability to take each day of the national past. Food allows one to put himself into his own past. Health is the final theme, which is described as an alibi food gives us, the relay midway between the body and the mind which provides us with energy again, this is not clearly expressed. Food serves as a sign for all three of these themes. It is a sign because it replaces, sums up, and signalizes. Does he use the term "signalize"? I would check but you did not give me a digital copy of this other behaviors. Modernity of food is much different than it was traditionally in the past. In the past, only festive occasions were signalized by food in any positive manner, however today many things are characterized with food acting as a sign. Work food, for example, provides energy and serves as the sign of participation in modern life. After reading the article, I agree with Barthes when concerning the differences from traditional patterns of food to modern food behaviors. Like Barthes said, behaviors such as activity, work, sports, effort, leisure, and celebration are all situations expressed through food. According to Barthes, the traditional function of food is apt to disappear, allowing for the opportunity for endless modern situations. Barthes can be a difficult writer, and in many parts of your review I was lost. In any case, work on simplifying and clarifying your writing.

3: SparkNotes: Social Psychology: Attitudes

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Mischel was a heavy smoker through his life. In an interview, he admitted to being a "three-packs-a-day smoker, supplemented by a pipe". Professional career[edit] Mischel taught at the University of Colorado from to , at Harvard University from to , and at Stanford University from to In , Mischel was elected president of the Association for Psychological Science. Mischel was the recipient of the University of Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Psychology for his studies in self-control. The book touched upon the problem in trait assessment that was first identified by Gordon Allport in Mischel maintained that behavior is shaped largely by the exigencies of a given situation and that the notion that individuals act in consistent ways across different situations, reflecting the influence of underlying personality traits, is a myth. Personâ€™situation debate Mischel made the case that the field of personality psychology was searching for consistency in the wrong places. He argued that these individual differences would not be expressed in consistent cross-situational behavior, but instead, he suggested that consistency would be found in distinctive but stable patterns of if-then, situation-behavior relations that form contextualized, psychologically meaningful "personality signatures" e. These signatures of personality have been in fact revealed in a large observational study of social behavior across multiple repeated situations over time. As predicted by Mischel, they were characterized by highly psychologically informative if-then behavioral signatures. Collectively, this work has allowed a new way to conceptualize and assess both the stability and variability of behavior that is produced by the underlying personality system and has opened a window into the dynamic processes within the system itself. His studies with preschoolers in the late s often referred to as "the marshmallow experiment ", examined the processes and mental mechanisms that enable a young child to forego immediate gratification and to wait instead for a larger desired but delayed reward. The test was simple: For example, the proctor would give the child an option to eat one marshmallow immediately or to wait ten minutes and receive not one, but two marshmallows to eat. As Mischel followed up with the parents of the children who took the test years later, he found a staggering correlation between those kids who had difficulty delaying gratification and their outcomes in life as an adult. A significantly larger portion of the low-income children ate the treat immediately conversely from the counterparts who waited. Walter Mischel conducted additional research and predicted that the Marshmallow Test can also be a test of trust. They trusted their instincts and acted upon a certain thing. This understanding is a hypothesis for why the outcomes later in life are so starkly different. He discussed the way that personality works and how it can change over time when a person is presented with new situational circumstances. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. September Learn how and when to remove this template message Mischel lived on Manhattan Island in New York City, and enjoyed painting and travel. He had three children: Mischel spoke several languages, including English and French, and spent time in Paris, France on a regular basis. He died at his home in New York from pancreatic cancer on September 12,

4: Walter Mischel - Wikipedia

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Attitudes can be positive or negative. Explicit attitudes are conscious beliefs that can guide decisions and behavior. Implicit attitudes are unconscious beliefs that can still influence decisions and behavior. Attitudes can include up to three components: Jane believes that smoking is unhealthy, feels disgusted when people smoke around her, and avoids being in situations where people smoke. Dimensions of Attitudes Researchers study three dimensions of attitude: Strong attitudes are those that are firmly held and that highly influence behavior. Attitudes that are important to a person tend to be strong. Attitudes that people have a vested interest in also tend to be strong. Furthermore, people tend to have stronger attitudes about things, events, ideas, or people they have considerable knowledge and information about. The accessibility of an attitude refers to the ease with which it comes to mind. In general, highly accessible attitudes tend to be stronger. Ambivalence of an attitude refers to the ratio of positive and negative evaluations that make up that attitude. The ambivalence of an attitude increases as the positive and negative evaluations get more and more equal. The Influence of Attitudes on Behavior Behavior does not always reflect attitudes. However, attitudes do determine behavior in some situations: If there are few outside influences, attitude guides behavior. Wyatt has an attitude that eating junk food is unhealthy. When he is at home, he does not eat chips or candy. However, when he is at parties, he indulges in these foods. Behavior is guided by attitudes specific to that behavior. Megan might have a general attitude of respect toward seniors, but that would not prevent her from being disrespectful to an elderly woman who cuts her off at a stop sign. However, if Megan has an easygoing attitude about being cut off at stop signs, she is not likely to swear at someone who cuts her off.

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