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Abstract:

In this study, the authors tested four cultural models – independence, interdependence, conflict, and integration that describe the hypothesized relationships between dimensions of self-construal and components of subjective wellbeing among individualistic and collectivistic countries that have undergone rapid socioeconomic changes. Participants were 791 university students from 4 Western countries, 749 university students from 3 East Asian countries and 443 university students from 3 African countries. Findings provided some support for the applicability of a) the independence model to individuals from Western countries, b) the integration model to individuals from East Asian countries. Mixed results were found among African countries. The interdependence model is more applicable to African participants from the sub-Saharan region, but the integration model is more applicable to those from the north African region.