### A GLOBAL STUDY with the FAITH Q-SORT (FQS)

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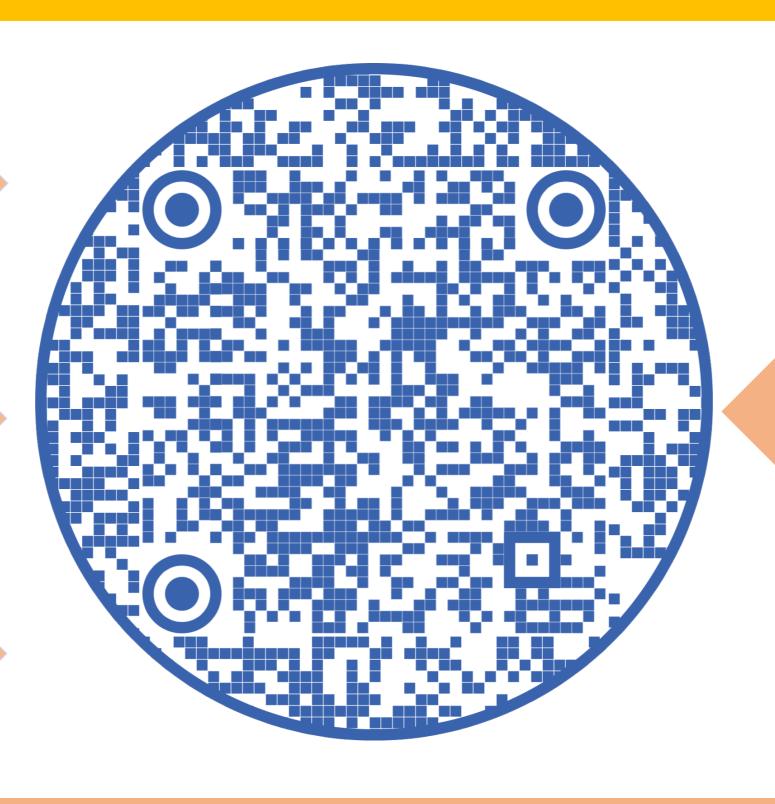
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EXPLORATIVE APPROACH

MIXED METHOD OF THE FAITH Q-SORT (FQS), A SURVEY AND INTERVIEWS.

NOVELTY IN THE FIELD

FROM Q-METHOD TO FQS (WULFF, 2019), A NEW TOOL FOR ASSESSING RELIGIOSITY.



CHECK THE BOOK VIA QR THE DIVERSITY OF WORLDVIEWS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS

Eds. NYNÄS, KEYSAR, KONTALA, KWAKU GOLO, LASSANDER, SHTERIN, SJÖ, STENNER (SPRINGER 2021, OA)

### WHAT ARE THE 'RELIGIOSITIES' OF TODAY'S YOUNG ADULTS?

FIVE UNIVERSAL AND DISTINCT LIFEVIEW-PATTERNS (PROTOTYPES) (keyword focus)

#### 1. SECULAR HUMANIST

... clear distance to all religious ideas and practices ... deeply moral without religion ... change society, values ... human progress ... scientific and rational principles ... religion from human fears and desires ... spiritually sustained by music, art, or poetry ...

# 2. ACTIVE CONFIDENT BELIEVER

... centers life and one's being on religion ... a divine being, a sheltering and guiding parent ... member of a religious community ... religious practices ... becoming a better person through religion ... distance to people with no interest in religion ...

# 3. NONCOMMITTED TRADITIONALIST

... the societal role of religion ... loyalty to the traditions of nation and family ... believing in some way but not religious ... scriptures and the idea of divinity ... no place for frequent doubts ... those who do not live righteously will face punishment ... purity...

# 4. SPIRITUALLY ATTUNED

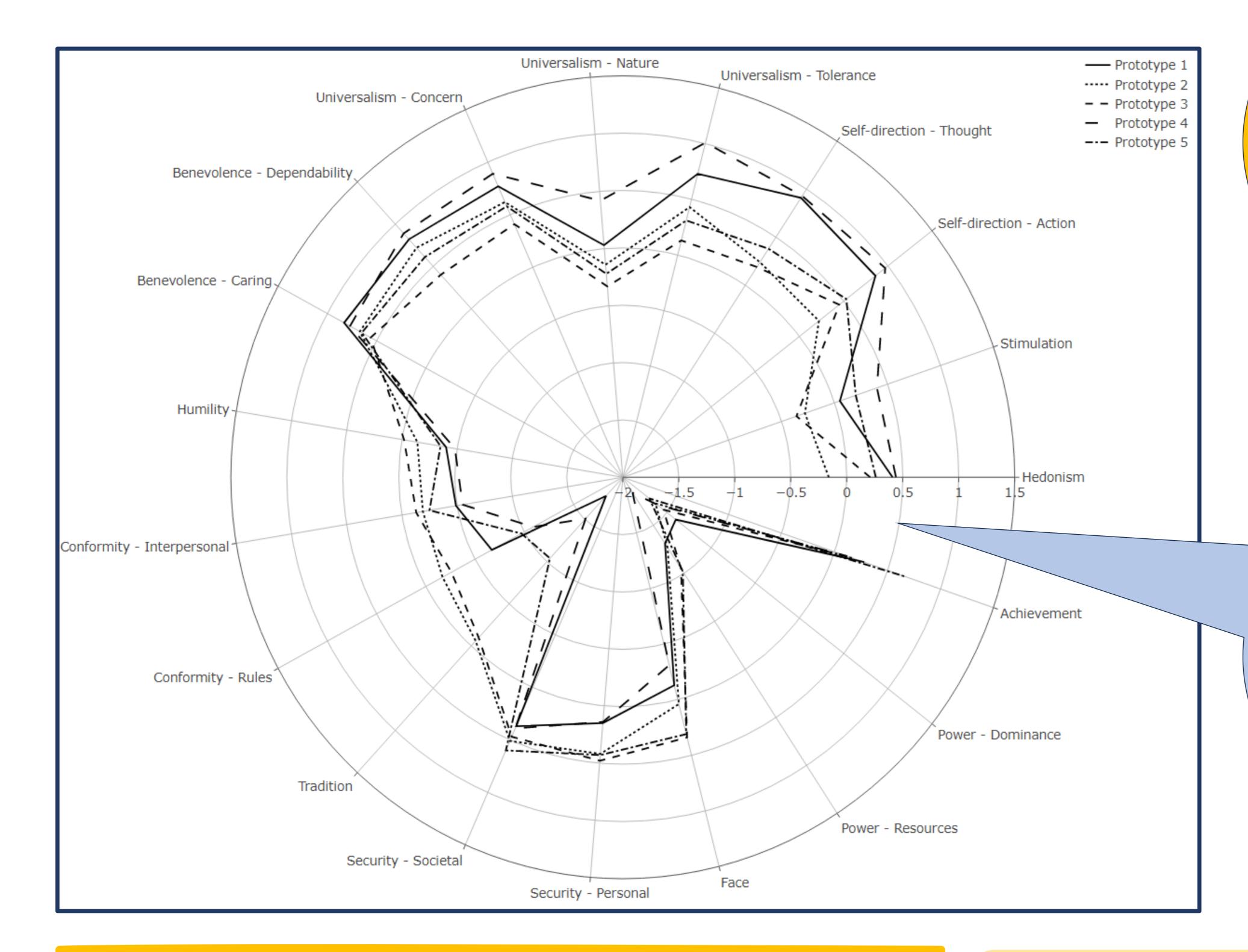
... personal self-realization ... a life force or creative energy ... other religious traditions ... music, art, poetry ... change society, values ... ... making the world a better place ... following a spiritual path in harmony with the environment ...

#### 5. DISENGAGED LIBERAL

... believes in some way ... religious on special occasions, in times of need ... touched by the suffering of others ... charitable acts or social action ... a clear distance to religion as central to the nation ... will not give up worldly or bodily pleasures for religious reasons ...

### WHAT DO THEY VALUE?

VALUES CONVERGE AND DIVERGE ON SCHWARTZ' BASIC VALUES (E.G 2017)



#### THE SECULAR RELIGIOUS DIVIDE

2 Active Confident Believer and 3 Noncommitted Traditionalist are closely related to each other (r = .54). --- Still, the highest correlation is found between 1 Secular Humanist and 4 Spiritually Attuned (r = .59). 5 Disengaged Liberal is also close to the 1 Secular Humanist and 4 Spiritually Attuned (r = .47; r = .54).

#### **SHARED** and **DIVIDING**

2 Active Confident Believer and 3
Noncommitted Traditionalist often conflate,
score high on tradition, conformity and societal
security. In contrast, 1 Secular Humanist scores
the lowest on tradition, followed by 4 Spiritually
Attuned and 5 Disengaged Liberal. 3
Noncommitted Traditionalist scores the lowest
on the various aspects of universalism
(tolerance, nature and concern), and aspects of
benevolence (dependability and caring).

## 'A THEME WITH VARIATIONS' CROSS-CULTURAL DIFFERENCE as FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

Wittgenstein's concept from the *The blue and brown books* (2nd ed. 1969) captures the cross-cultural variation we find with FQS across 12 countries.

Members in one family are not connected by one essential common feature. Rather, we face a theme with variation, a series of overlapping shared features, where none of them is common to all of the members, and the taxonomies are both multidimensional and dynamic. This provides a way to catch how lifeview-patterns (FQS prototypes) are both universal and particular.

#### RUSSIA

symmetry, harmony, reflections of the ultimate

#### 4. SPIRITUALLY ATTUNED

self-realization, life force, other religious traditions, music, art, poetry, nature, making the world better place

#### SWEDEN

some holy figure universal luminous element within oneself

#### CANADA

religion as hypocrisy

higher reality as a mystery
the atmosphere of sacred places
religious or spiritual practices in private

#### ISRAEL

intensify experience of the divine attaining altered states of consciousness