

# Submission

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### Abstract

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Social and Personality Psychology / Psychologie sociale et de la personnalité

#### **Type of Presentation**

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#### Nature of Submission

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Title

Cognitive Styles and Trustworthiness Expectations

#### Summary

Cognitive styles are stable traits reflecting the way individuals think and remember process information and make decisions. Individual beliefs regarding another's trustworthiness form a key judgement in willingness to trust. This research examined the link between cognitive styles and characteristics associated with assessments of trustworthiness. Participants were 387 full-time employees in Europe. Cognitive styles were differentiated using the Red (*I show my feelings*), Blue (*I like to think logically*) and Green (*I find imaginative solutions*) categories from the Diversity Icebreaker questionnaire. Participants were also asked how important various characteristics of trustworthiness were in determining whether to trust someone. Significant correlations were found with "listening and acknowledging you," "sharing values" and "being open-minded" for all participants. "Benevolence" was correlated with trustworthiness only for those high in Red; "Ability" for Red and Blue alone and "Sharing goals" and "respecting freedom" for Red and Green. "Respecting rules and roles" and "predictability" were positively correlated with trustworthiness for Blues but negatively for Greens. Findings suggest relational aspects of trustworthiness, such as acknowledgement, shared values and a receptiveness to others' views or ideas should have a stronger representation in trustworthiness models.

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#### Keyword 2

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