

# Review of: "Variability in Psychological Security Among Individuals and Groups: An Evolutionary and Developmental Perspective"

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I am honored to have the opportunity to review your article. Your article is excellent, but I have some suggestions.

1. When discussing the impact of the environment and culture on psychological security (especially in the sections on individual differences and on discussing differences between the East and the West in 4.2), this part of the content feels weakly related to "evolution". The literature review should focus more on "evolution".

2. When discussing the influence of culture, the article mentions that "under collectivism, people's psychological security is stronger.". However, the impact of individualistic culture and collectivist culture on individual psychological security varies from person to person, and there is no absolute superiority or inferiority.

In individualistic culture, people place greater emphasis on personal feelings and rights, and they tend to pursue personal freedom and independence. Individuals in this cultural context often feel more secure. However, in collectivist culture, people place more emphasis on the interests and harmony of groups, and individual feelings and rights are relatively less valued. However, this does not mean that they lack a sense of security. On the contrary, individuals in collectivist cultures place greater emphasis on norms and are more susceptible to the influence of attitudes and norms from others. This makes them more likely to receive help and support from others when facing difficulties and challenges, thereby gaining a sense of security. On the other hand, studies have shown that in the context of collectivist culture, individuals often restrict emotional expression to ensure group harmony, while "interdependent" individuals often generate emotional experiences based on the reference of others. This may make it more difficult for them to self-regulate when dealing with negative emotions such as anxiety, thereby affecting their psychological security. Overall, both individualistic and collectivist cultures may bring psychological security to individuals. The key lies in how individuals understand and respond to these cultural backgrounds, as well as whether they can protect and uphold their own rights while respecting others.

3. In Part 6, "Translating the evolutionary framework of psychological security into practice," many contents are written too superficially, and some places have weak connections with the content summarized in the article. I suggest enriching the content.