



1. The Contingent Effects of Conspiracy Beliefs on Support for Violent Extremism

2. Vulnerability Profiles and Developmental Trajectories Underpinning Violent Extremist Attitudes and Conspiratorial Mindsets

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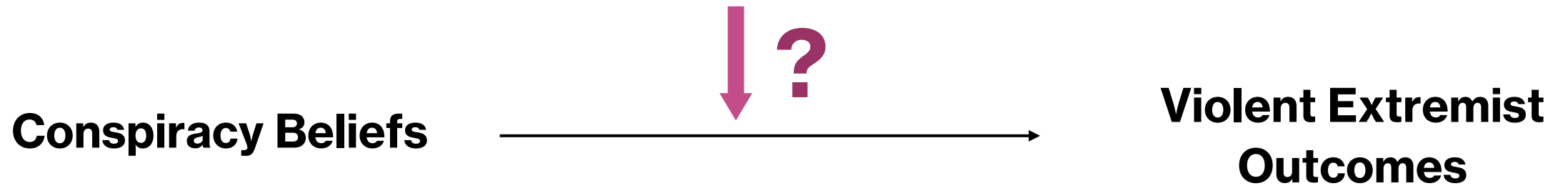


Background

The Consequences of Conspiracy Theories on Violent Extremism



The Effects Conspiracy Beliefs and Violent Extremist Outcomes





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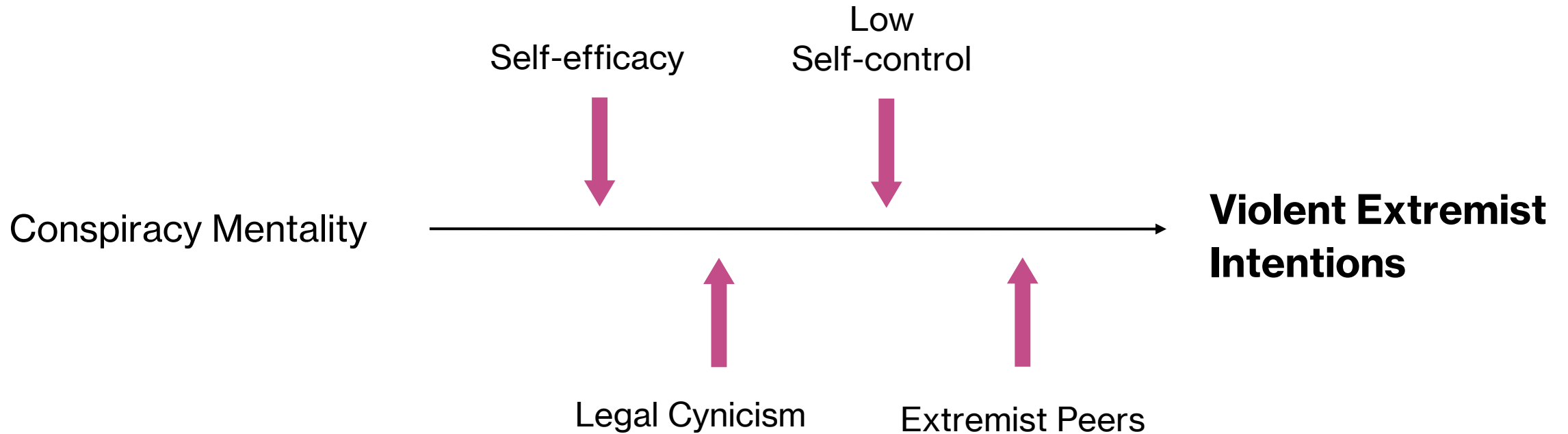
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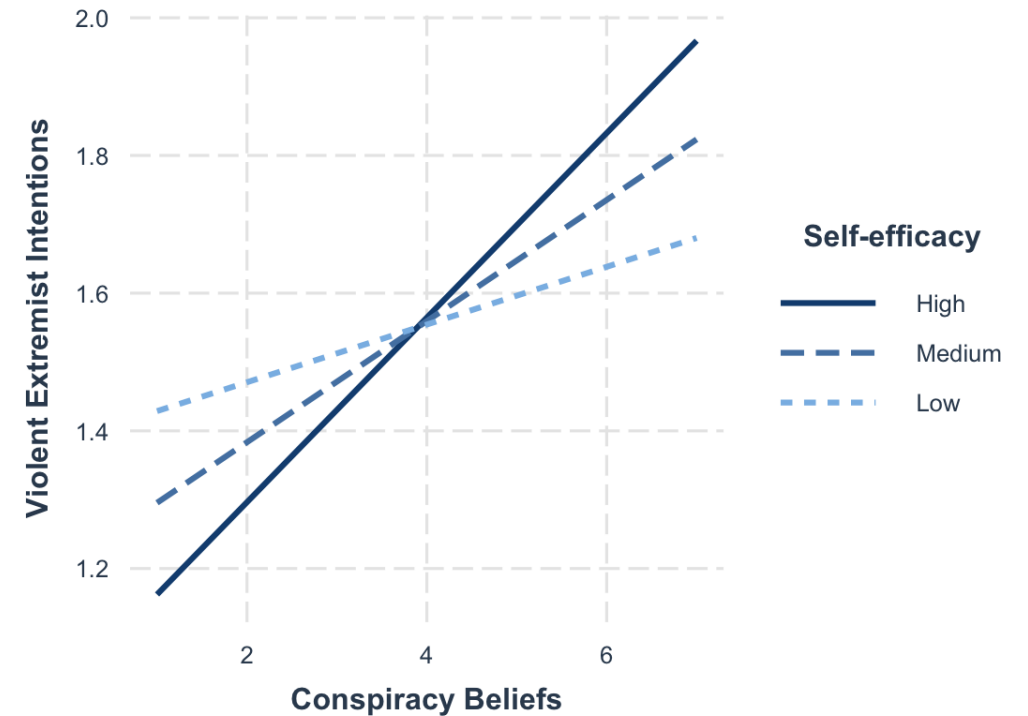
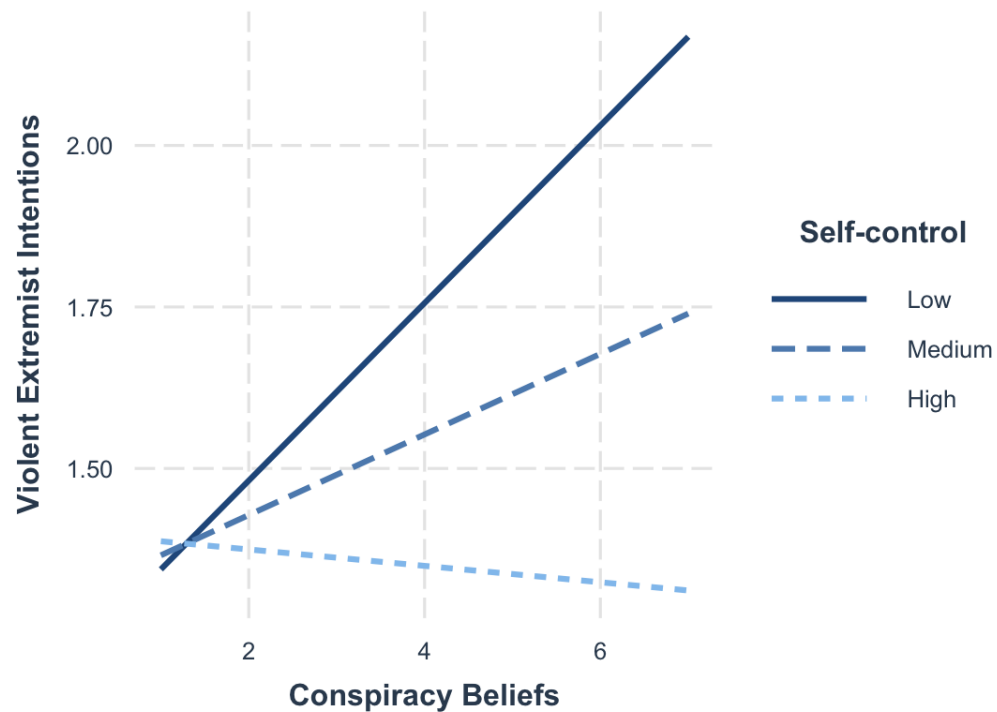
Study 1 – Hypotheses



Rottweiler & Gill, 2022;
Rottweiler & Gill, 2023, prepared for CREST and the UK Home Office

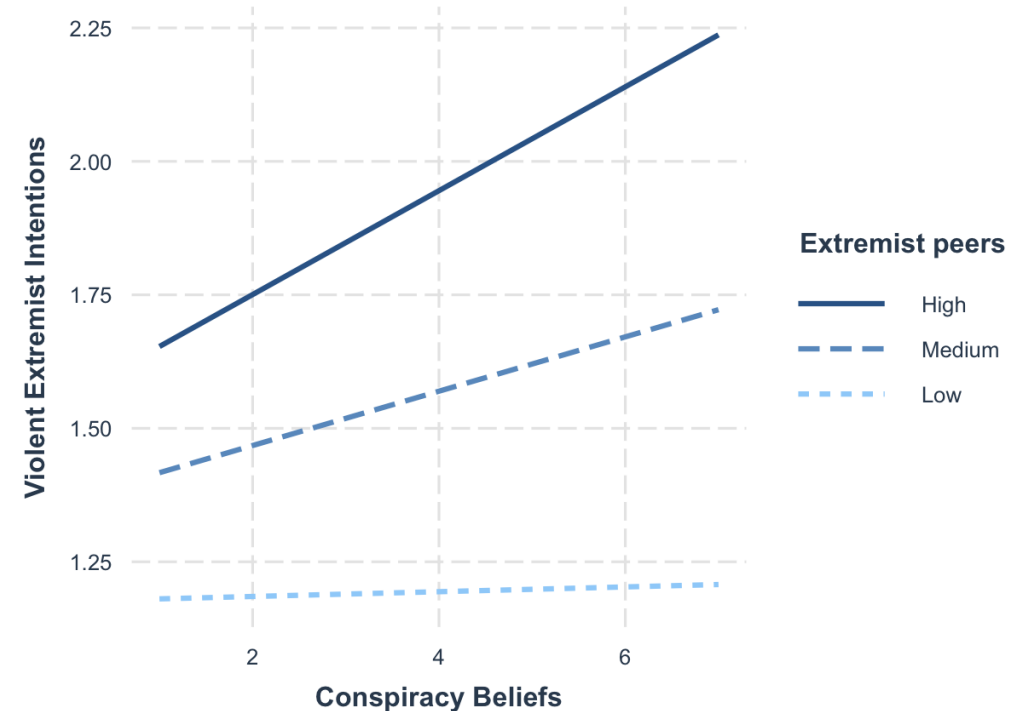
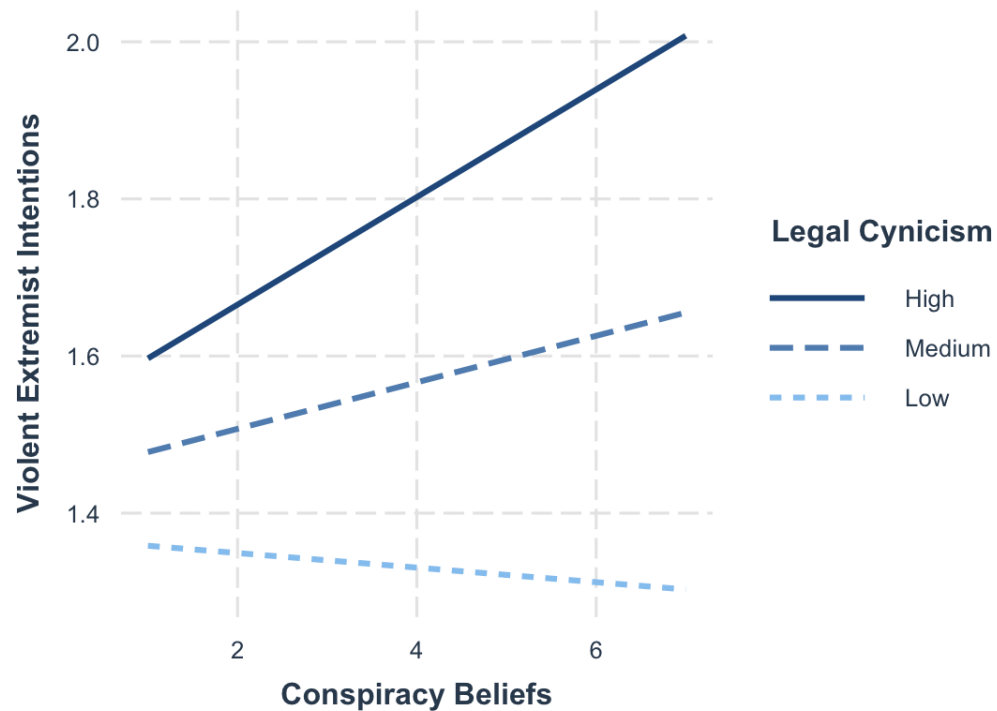
Results

Interaction between Conspiracy Mentality and (1) Self-control and (2) Self-efficacy



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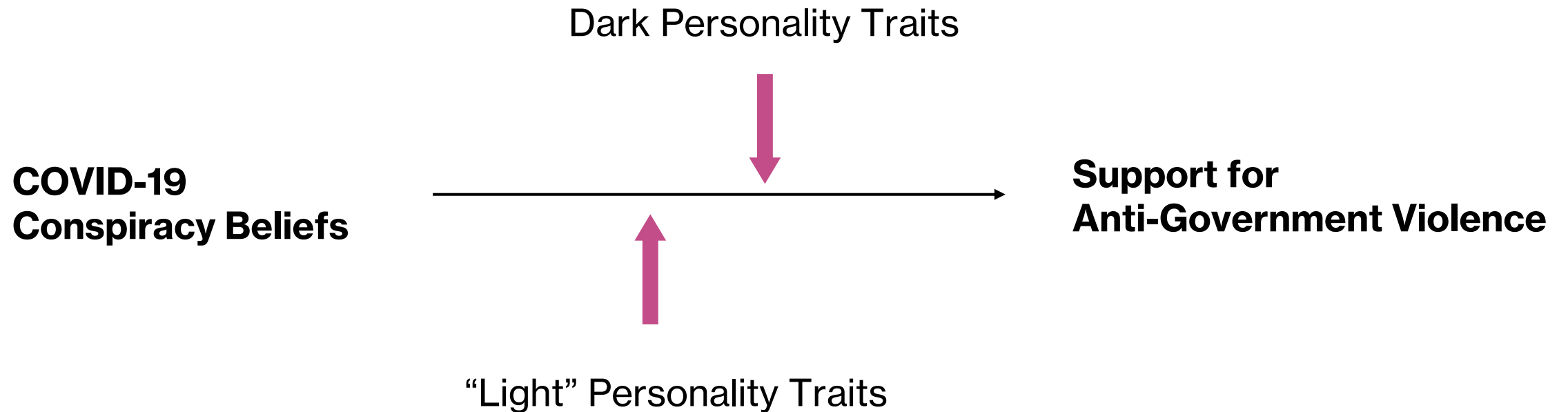
Interaction between Conspiracy Mentality and (1) Legal Cynicism and (2) Exposure to extremist peers



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Personality Types that Amplify or Diminish the Relationship Between COVID-19 Conspiracy Theories and Support for Anti-Government Violence

Study 2 – Hypotheses



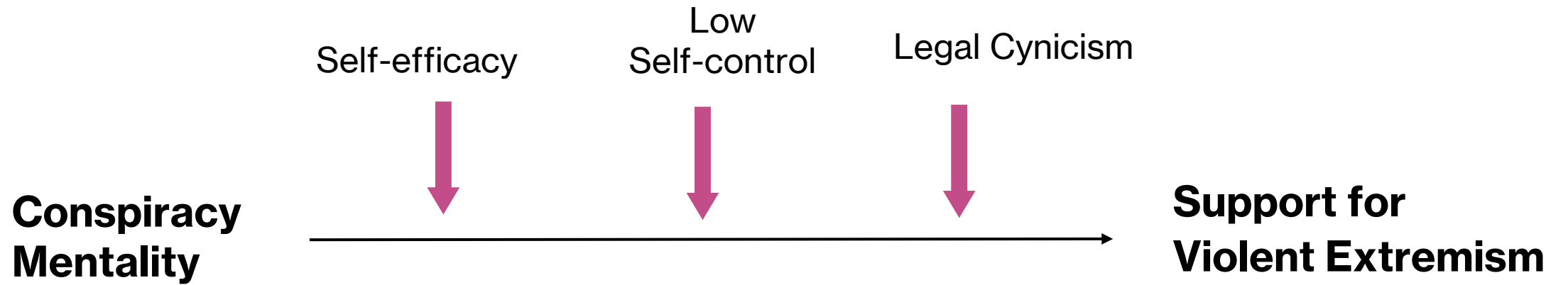
Discussion

- The effects of COVID-19 conspiracy beliefs on support for anti-government violence are much stronger for individuals who show higher levels of narcissism, Machiavellianism and sadism
- No moderating effects were found for psychopathy
- The risk effects of COVID-19 conspiracy beliefs on support for anti-government violence are dampened among those with high levels of altruism and honesty-humility

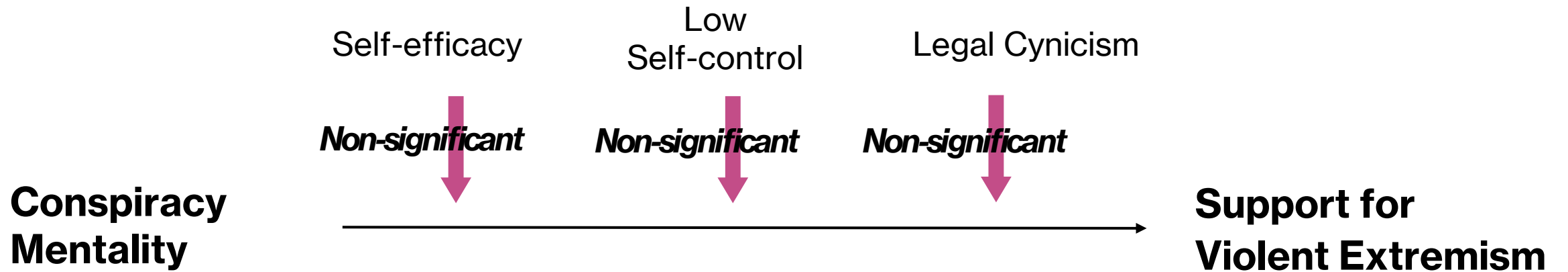
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The Contingent Effects of Conspiracy Mentality on Violent Extremism – zProso Wave 9

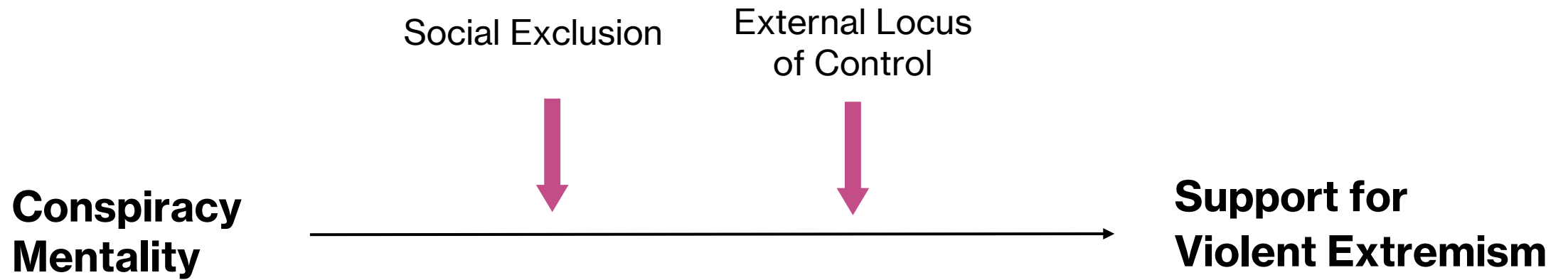
zProso Data Wave 9 – Hypotheses



Results – zProso Data Wave 9

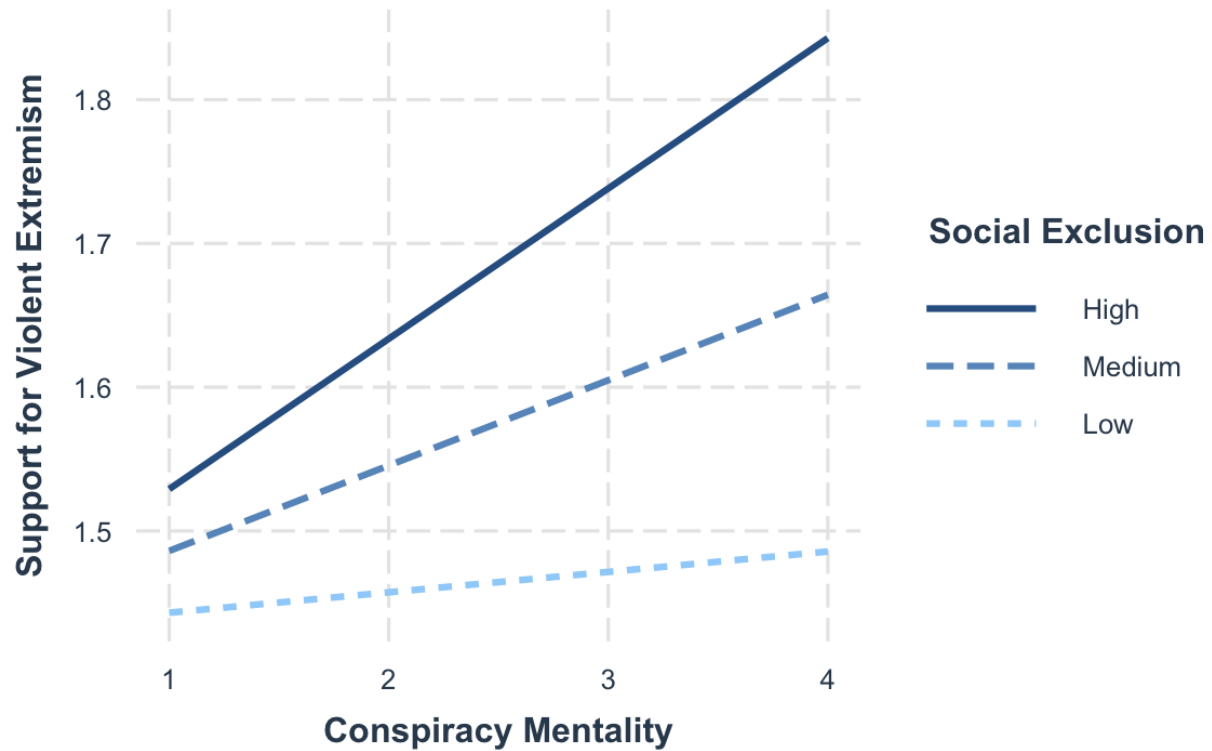


zProso Data Wave 9 – Societal Grievances and External Locus of Control



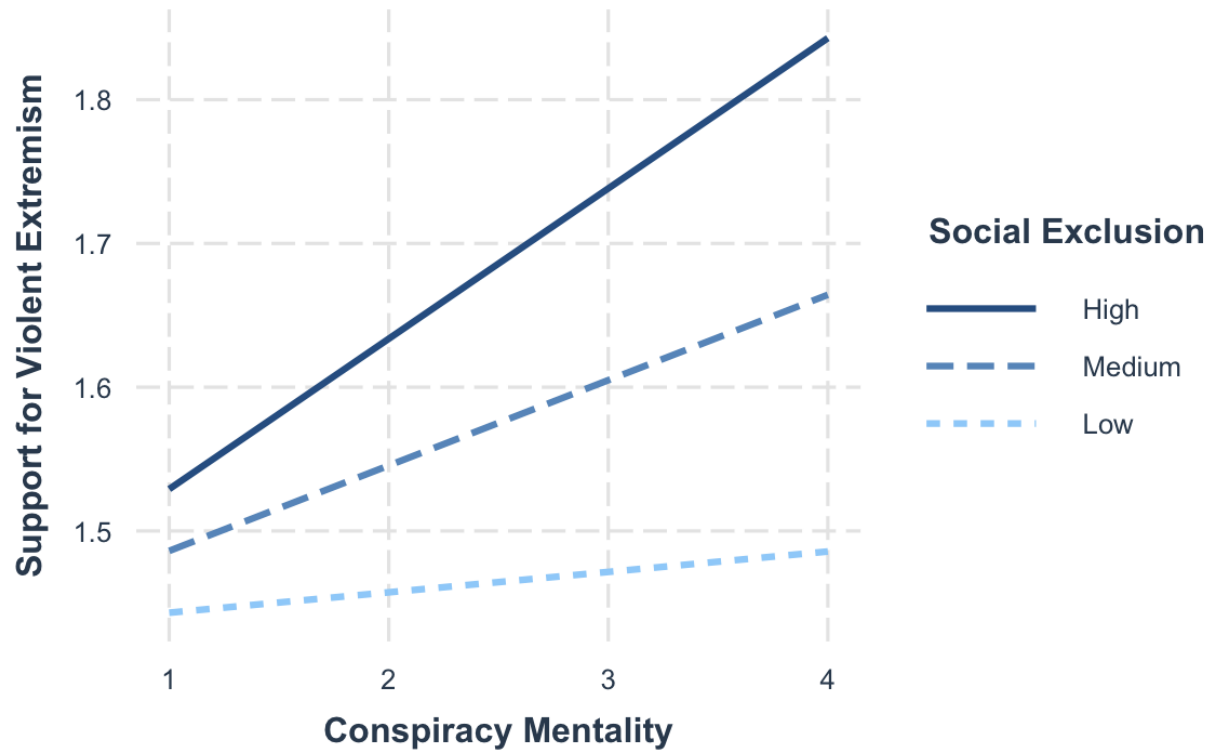
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Interaction between Conspiracy Mentality and (1) Social Exclusion and (2) External Locus of Control



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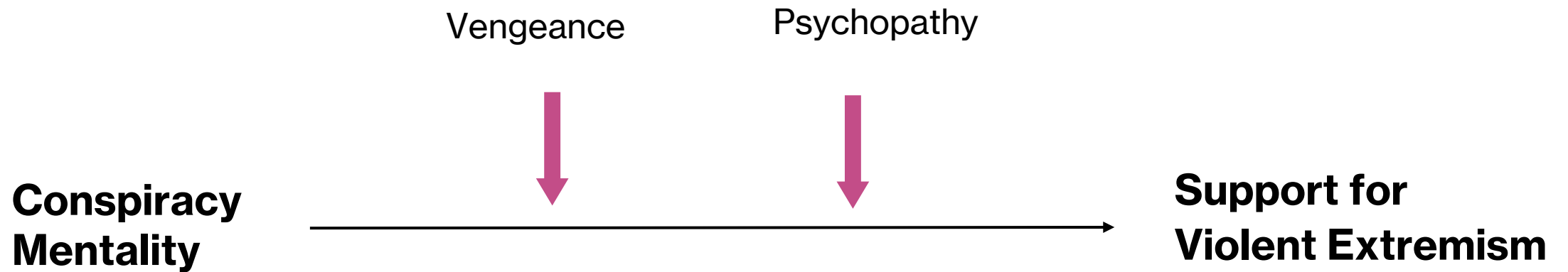
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External Locus of Control

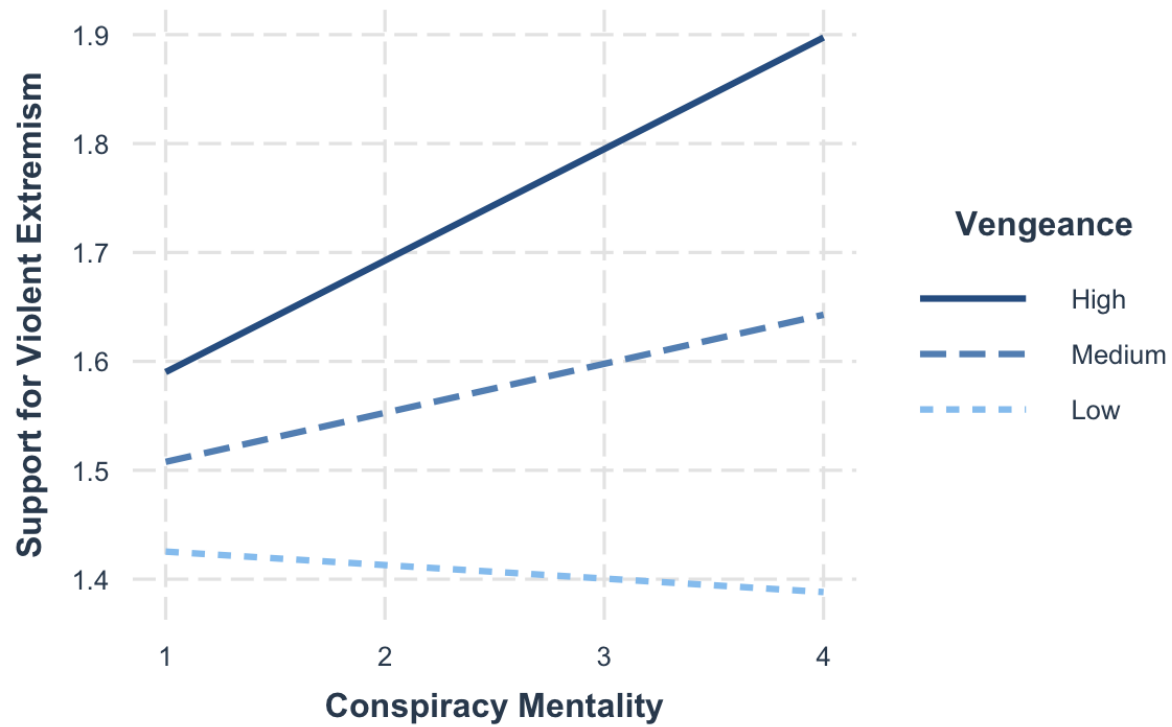
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zProso Data Wave 9 – Dark Personality and Violence-related Factors



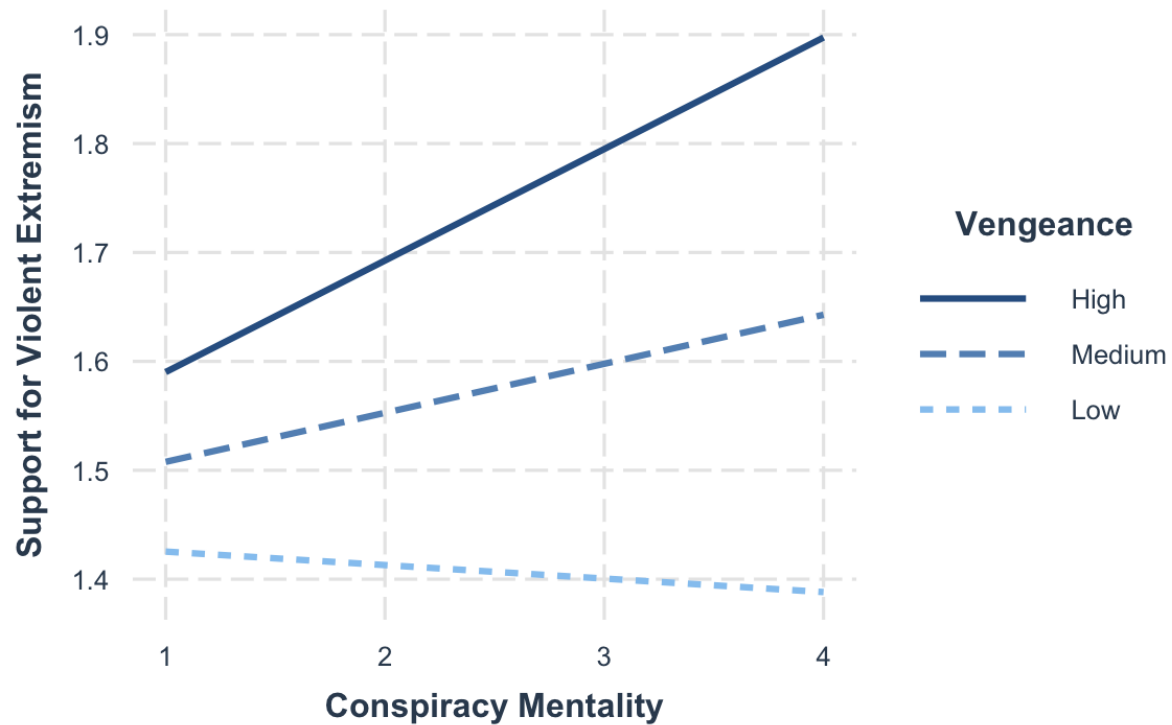
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Interaction between Conspiracy Mentality and (1) Vengeance and (2) Psychopathy



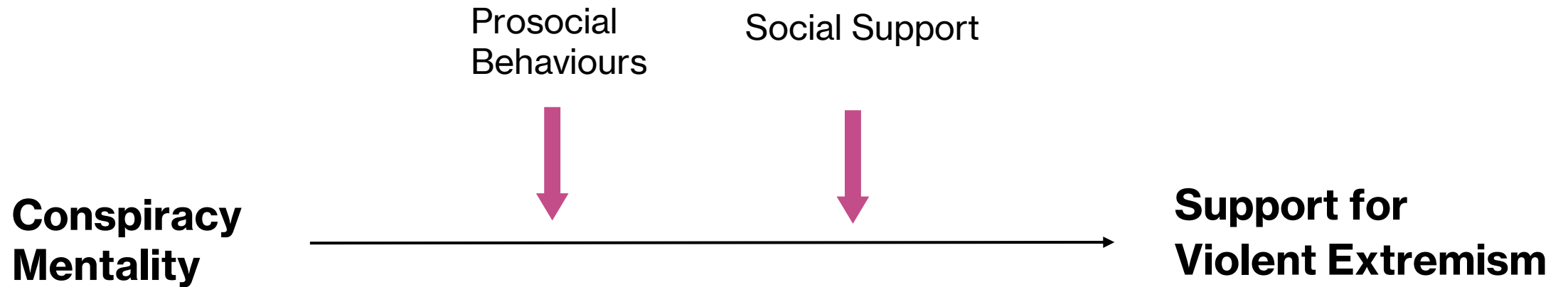
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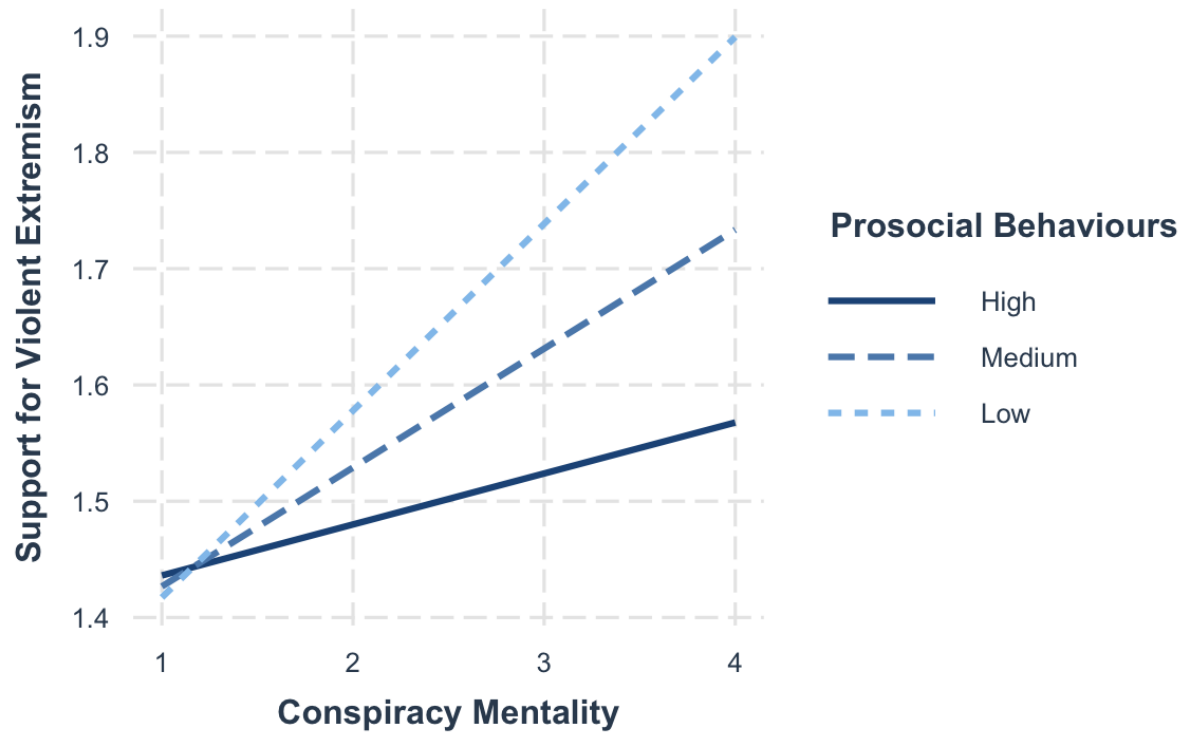
Psychopathy
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zProso Data Wave 9 – Protective Factors



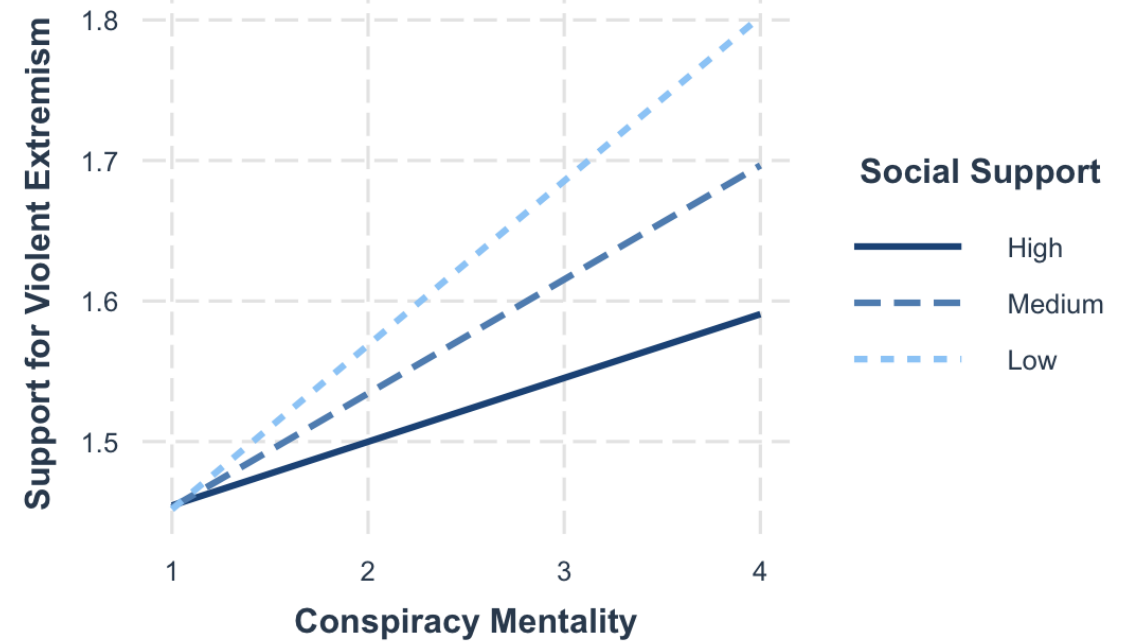
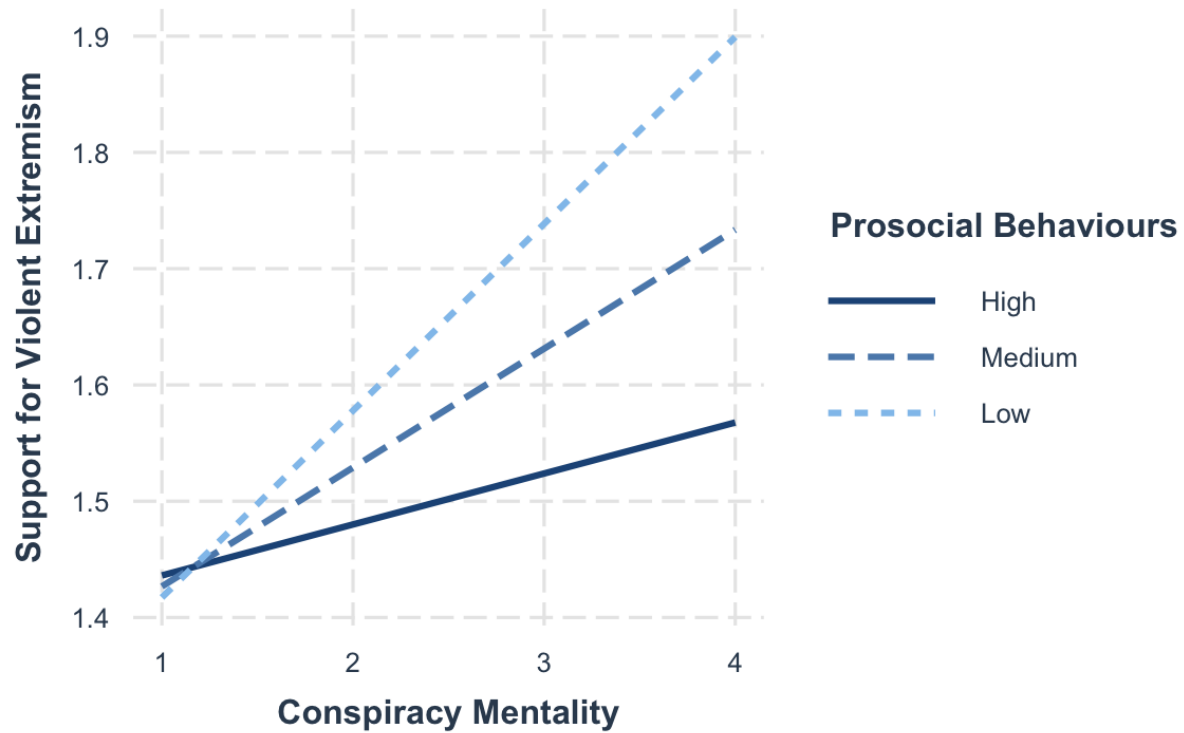
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Interaction between Conspiracy Mentality and (1) Prosociality and (2) Social Support



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Interaction between Conspiracy Mentality and (1) Prosociality and (2) Social Support



Discussion

Conditional relationship between CM and risk as well as protective factors – relevance and functional role on VE

More research into protective factors for CM and VE – conditional effects of risk as well as buffering protective factors

P/CVE program should strengthen protective factors – increase resilience towards conspiratorial as well as extremist beliefs

More research into developmental trajectories underpinning VE and conspiracy mentality



Vulnerability Profiles and Developmental Trajectories



Vulnerability Profiles and Developmental Trajectories



'Semi' longitudinal approach whereby we measure the developmental trajectories of shared risk factors to determine vulnerability profiles over time

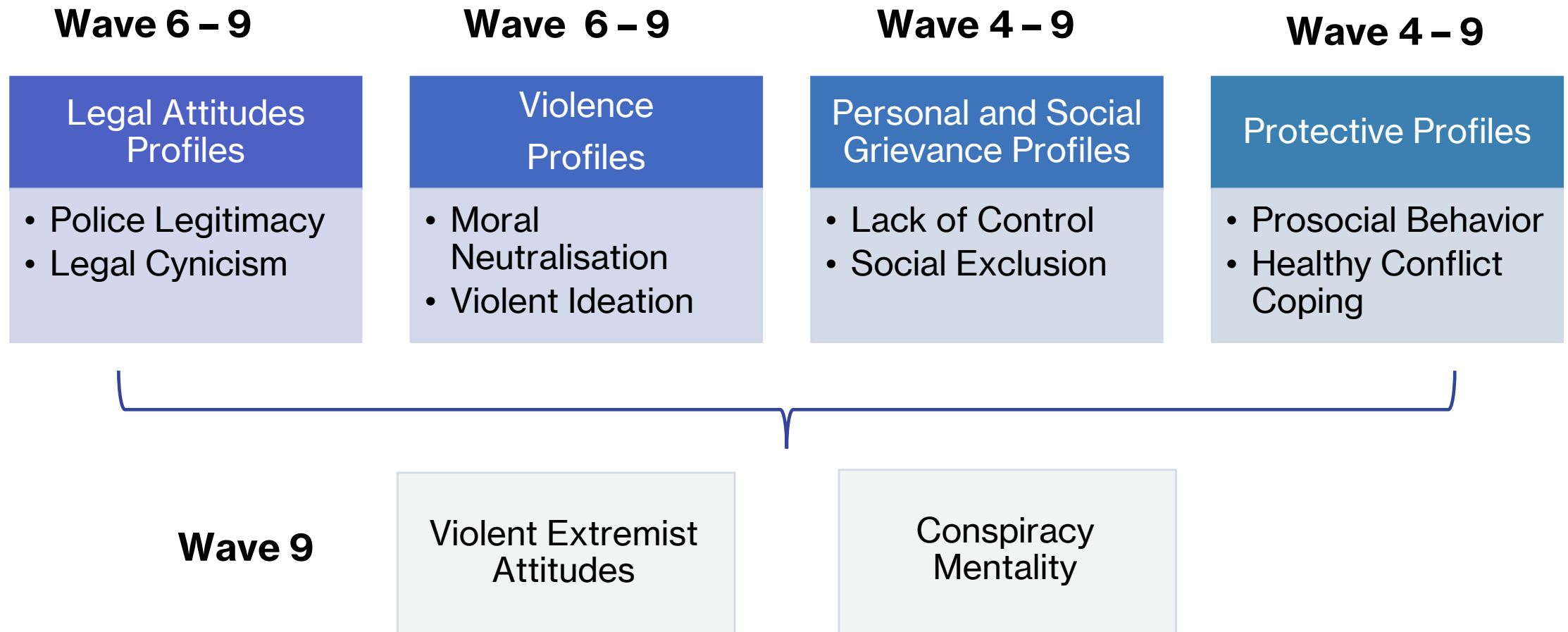


'Latent Growth Mixture Modelling' for multivariate markers to determine latent classes of individuals with similar growth trajectories



Relate the different developmental vulnerability profiles to violent extremist attitudes and conspiracy mentality at wave 9

Developmental Risk Factor Domains





Thank you

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