



Dark Traits Influence on Health and Risk Behaviors

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There are many attitudes and cognitive and personality variables that explain detrimental behaviour towards others across all domains. These traits share common features related to opportunistic behaviour, self-centeredness and disregard for the well-being of others. The purpose of this Special Issue is to establish how dark traits affect health and risk behaviors in order to provide cues for intervention, and is open to contributions within this scope. There is a wealth of research on how these traits predict behaviors that place others at risk (i.e., aggression, delinquency, bullying, mobbing, sexual harassment), and many of these behaviors also have negative short-term and long-term outcomes for the perpetrator. Evidence for how dark traits influence health behavior is more limited, although they have been related to risky sexual behaviour, social networking sites addiction, risky driving, gambling, smoking, binge drinking and especially substance use.

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