

focused on central values (Existence and Suprapersonal Values) and social goals (Interactive Values). They recognize the importance of health and social security, acknowledge the importance of knowledge and maturity, and take into account the value of affection and belonging. They place hedonism and pleasure, which are very typical for their age, in the background. They are also less focused on power and prestige as preconditions for development. Regardless of the lack of significant gender differences in most functional values, differences do exist regarding Excitement and Normative Values. Males place a greater value on pleasure and sexuality, while females are more focused on daily duties and obligations and are more respectful and/or obedient.

Second, adolescents moderately accept BJW. Males and females differ in respect to Justice Centrality and Justice Sensitivity insofar as females suffer more strongly from injustice and are more sensitive to unfairness.

Third, the results clearly show that functional values and BJW are predictors of psychosocial well-being in adolescence, with the strongest predictors being Existence Values followed by Interactive Values. Adolescents who enjoy positive self-esteem, meaningful engagements, and productive and rewarding relationships with others place a greater value upon their health, personal stability, and having their survival needs met. They also ascribe greater importance to the Interactive Values of belongingness, sharing love and affection, and having social support. They endorse a stronger Personal BJW and report a higher personal significance for justice.

Our study was limited by the fact that the sample was small and predominantly male in composition (66%). Future research should thus reexamine our findings with larger samples that include a larger percentage of females and also take into consideration other important predictors of psychological well-being, such as personality traits, social networks, and so forth. We would thus have more solid evidence that BJW contributes to psychological well-being among adolescents, and that BJW is conceptually and

empirically distinct from related individual differences variables.

Our findings provide evidence which indicates that values and BJW are associated with good psychological well-being. The central and social goals of Bulgarian adolescents make important contributions to their social adjustment, along with their satisfaction with their own fairness and their belief that they are usually treated fairly. Such views give them a sense that their lives are meaningful and predictable, and that they are protected from worries about the future. This encourages investment in long-term goals, including education, work competence, finding a mating partner, having a family, and the various social behaviors that are part of growing up and making the transition to adulthood.

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