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**THEORETICAL RESEARCH**

Activity Experience of First-Year Students

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**Objective.** Analysis of the correlation between concepts “cyberspace”, “computer virtual reality”, “computer interactive environment”, “interactive experience”; wording of the author’s definition of the term “psychological virtual reality”; identification of its functions and features.

**Background.** Computer interactive environments are becoming the main platforms for the professional and personal self-realization of a modern person, the social activity of youth is shifting to the Internet space, models and forms of interpersonal interaction and communication are changing, new psychological constructs are formed that reflect virtual world and provide interaction with it. Psychological virtual reality acts as an intermediary between a person as a personality and a computer interactive environment as a form of cyberspace representation in modern human life, and the psychological constructs generated in it determine the formation of new socio-psychological behavior patterns.

**Methodology.** Systemic and subjective approaches, comparative analysis method.

**Conclusions.** The creation of computer interactive environments has opened a new stage in the formation of a new interactive human experience as a system of information technology and socio-psychological competencies. There is a need for a systematic study of the conceptual-categorical apparatus that is used to describe computer interactive environments.

***Keywords:*** computer virtual reality; cyberspace; psychological virtual reality; computer interactive environment; virtual socialization; psychotypes of virtual reality subjects; personal virtual space.

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**Objective.** Analysis of the relationship between social beliefs, political trust and readiness to participate in normative and non-normative forms of political actions.

**Background.** Amid growing politicization of citizens in different countries, the demand for an analysis of factors linked to the readiness of citizens to participate in various forms of political activity, from voting to street protests, is increasing. It is extremely important to identify universal and culturally specific factors that influence political behavior.

**Study design.** The study examined the relationship between social beliefs, political trust, and readiness to participate in political activity. The presence and nature of the relationship was verified through correlation analysis and structural equation modeling (SEM).

**Participants.** Russian sample: 440 people (76.4% of men, 23.4% of women) from 23 to 77 years old (*M* = 38.99; *SD* = 11.62). Ukrainian sample: 249 people (59.8% of men and 40.2% of women) from 23 to 65 years old (*M* = 35.55; *SD* = 10.76).

**Measurements.** Russian-language versions of the scales of Belief in a dangerous world by J. Duckitt and Belief in a just world by C. Dalbert. Author's scale of political trust and readiness to participate in political activity.

**Results.** Belief in a just world increases political trust; belief in a dangerous world reduces it. Political trust positively predicts readiness to participate in various forms of normative political activity. The presence of cross-cultural differences in the characteristics of the model between the Russian and Ukrainian samples is established.

**Conclusions.** There is a significant relationship between social beliefs, political trust and readiness to participate in various forms of political activity.

***Keywords:*** activity-related experience; quality of motivation; self-determination theory; intrinsic motivation; extrinsic motivation; academic motivation.

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**Introduction**

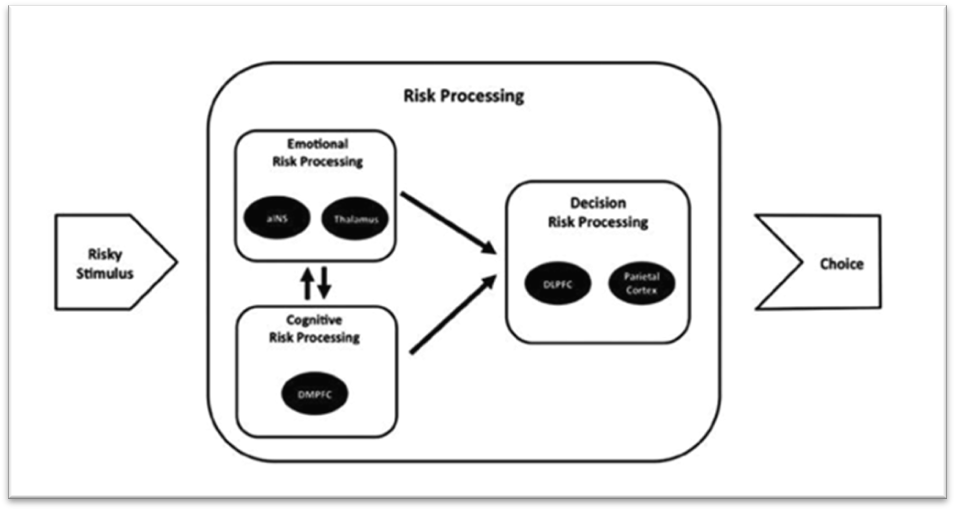
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### Fig. 1: Risk Processing Mechanism

Table 1

### Descriptive statistics and zero-order correlations between (a) components of the TriRisk model, perceived severity, benefits, barriers, and Fatalism; and (b) compliance behavior

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| **Variables** | Mean | *SD* | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| **1. Compliance**  **Behavior** | 60,78 | 9,41 | – | 0,21\*\* | 0,41\*\* | 0,24\*\* | 0,08 | 0,15\*\* | –0,28\*\* | –0,10\* |
| **2. Deliberative** | 5,6 | 1,30 |  | – | 0,46\*\* | 0,36\*\* | 0,15\*\* | 0,11\* | –0,09 | –0,15\*\* |
| **3. Experiential** | 4,45 | 0,75 |  |  | – | 0,55\*\* | 0,17\*\* | 0,27\*\* | –0,10\* | –0,17\*\* |
| **4. Affective** | 12,03 | 2,07 |  |  |  | – | 0,20\*\* | 0,30\*\* | –0,02 | –0,21\*\* |

*Note*: \*\**p* < 0.01, \* *p* < 0.05.

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