

Understanding Psychopathy: Similarities in Latin America and America

Research Question

- Is Psychopathy viewed similarly in America and Latin America?
- Is there a high percentage of psychopathic crimes in Latin American countries/ How high are the incarceration rates?

ABSTRACT

In order to understand **psychopathy**, you must first understand what it means to be an individual with psychopathy. According to the Webster dictionary, the textbook definition for psychopathy is as follows: A mental disorder especially when marked by egocentric and antisocial activity, a lack of remorse for one's actions, an absence of empathy for others, and often criminal tendencies. The research I will be conducting is centered around the definition of a textbook psychopath, **concentrated in Latin American countries** to gather evidence *based on incarceration rates, crime rates and types from both lower and upper class areas* in order to determine the similarities in psychopathic characteristics in the United States and Latin American countries.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

- Peer-Reviewed Articles/ Journals



- World News within Latin American Countries and



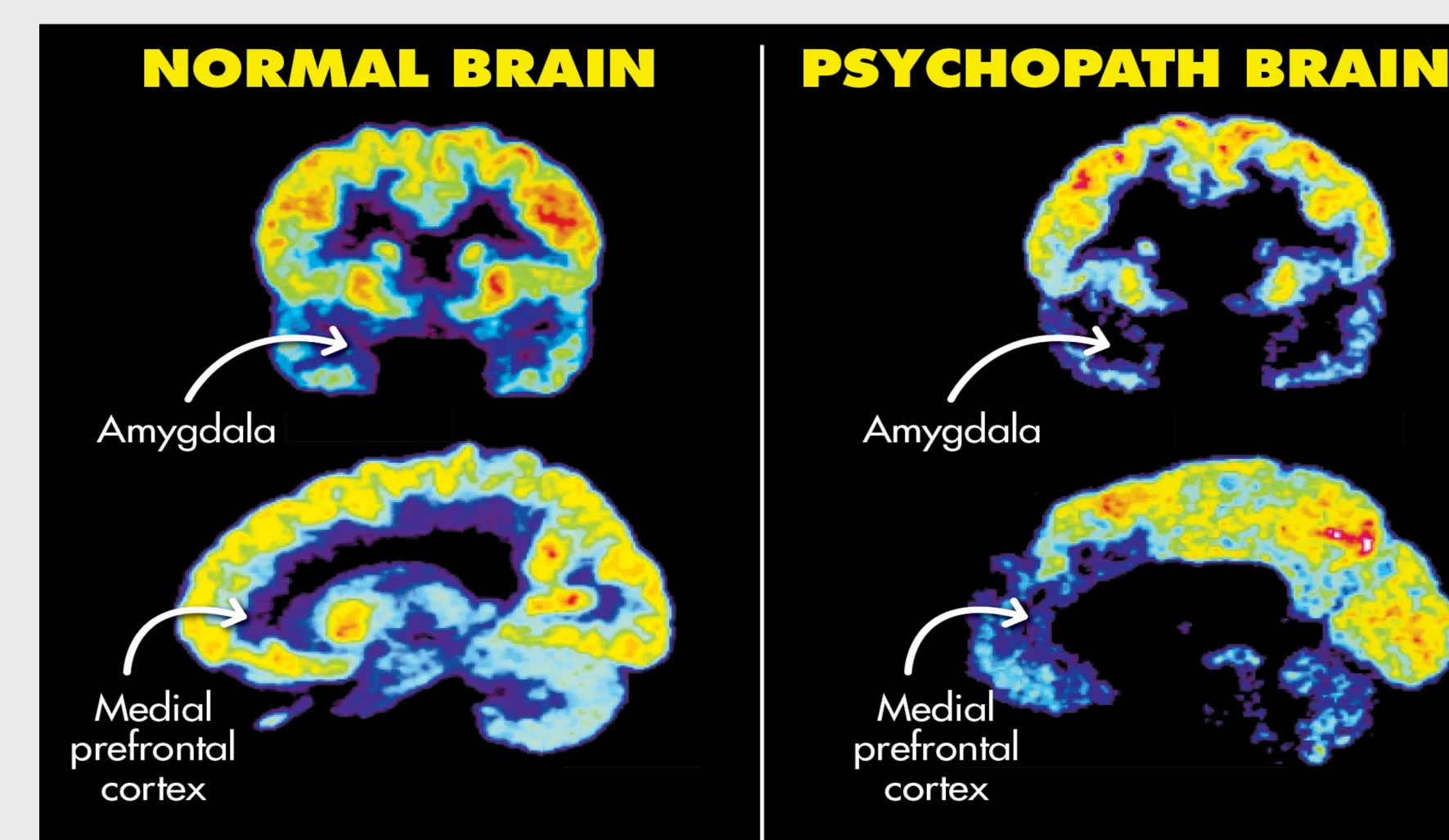
RESULTS



- In America, psychopaths are 20-25x more likely than non-psychopaths to be incarcerated.
- Psychopaths in America are 4-8x more likely to be more violent and are resistant to most forms of treatment.
- Approximately, 93% of adult male psychopaths are incarcerated, on parole, or probation.

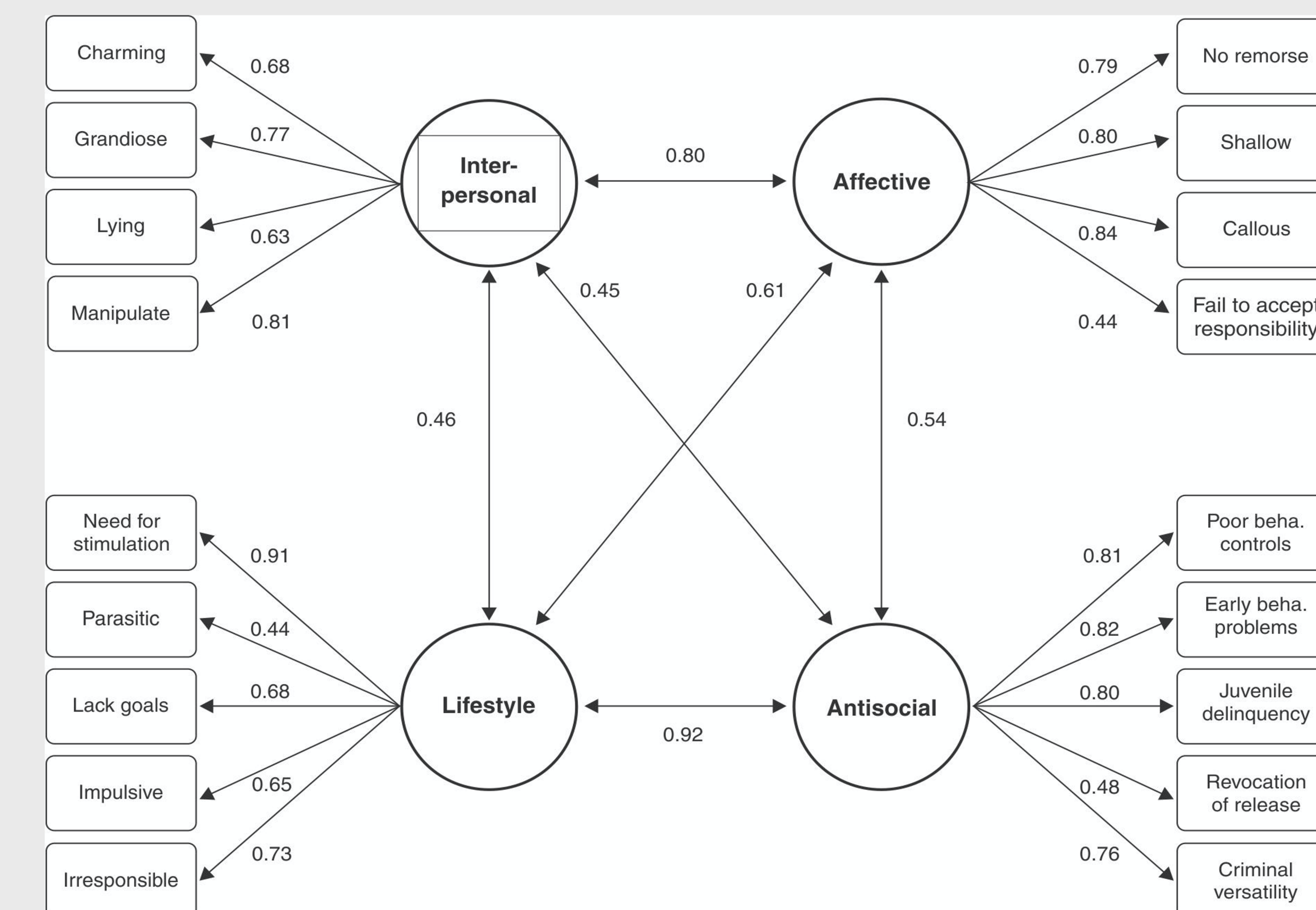


- In Brazil, researchers distinguished male and female psychopaths by their sense of life aspects.
- Determined that PCL-R was correlated with the number of criminal offenses committed by participants (124M).



CONCLUSIONS

America tends to exceed Latin American countries in different areas, though the U.S.'s research on psychopathy resembles that of Latin American research. Both American and Latin American researchers came to a similar consensus when it comes to how psychopaths behave, how they commit crimes, and what parts of the brain lacks stimulation.



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