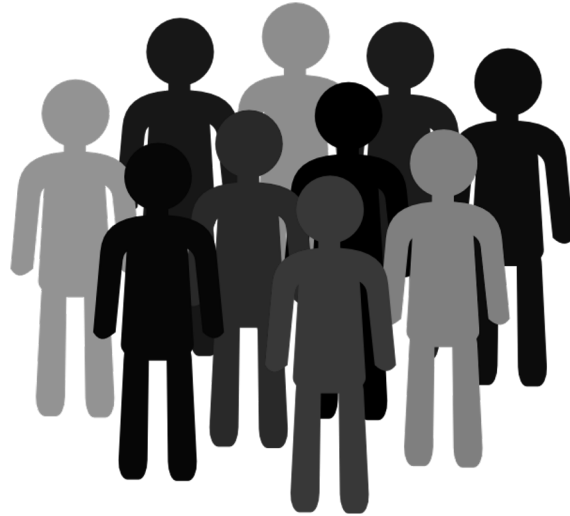
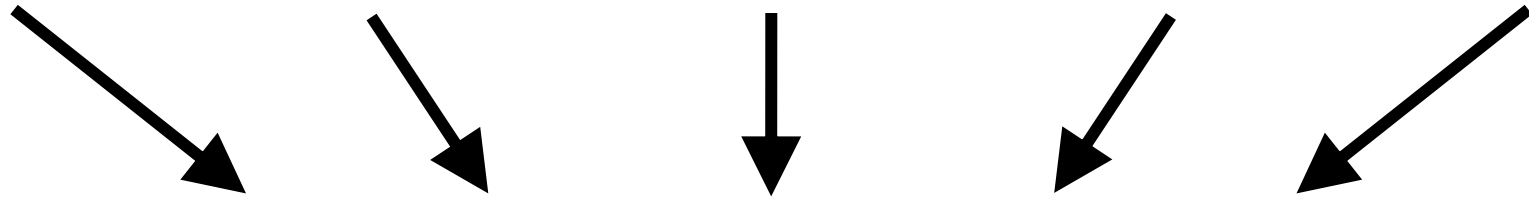


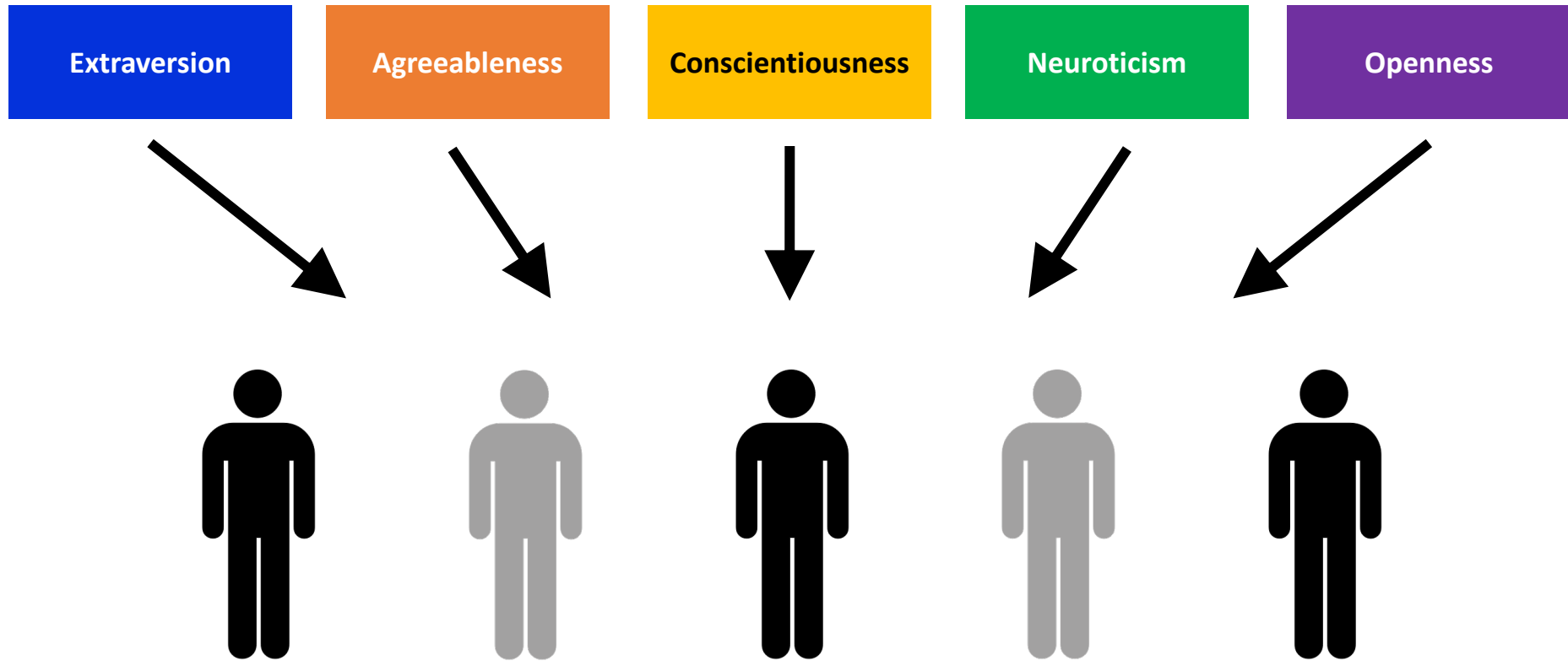
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Mortality (-)	Criminal Justice System Contact (-)	Mental Health Events (-)	Mental Health Events (-)	Volunteering (+)

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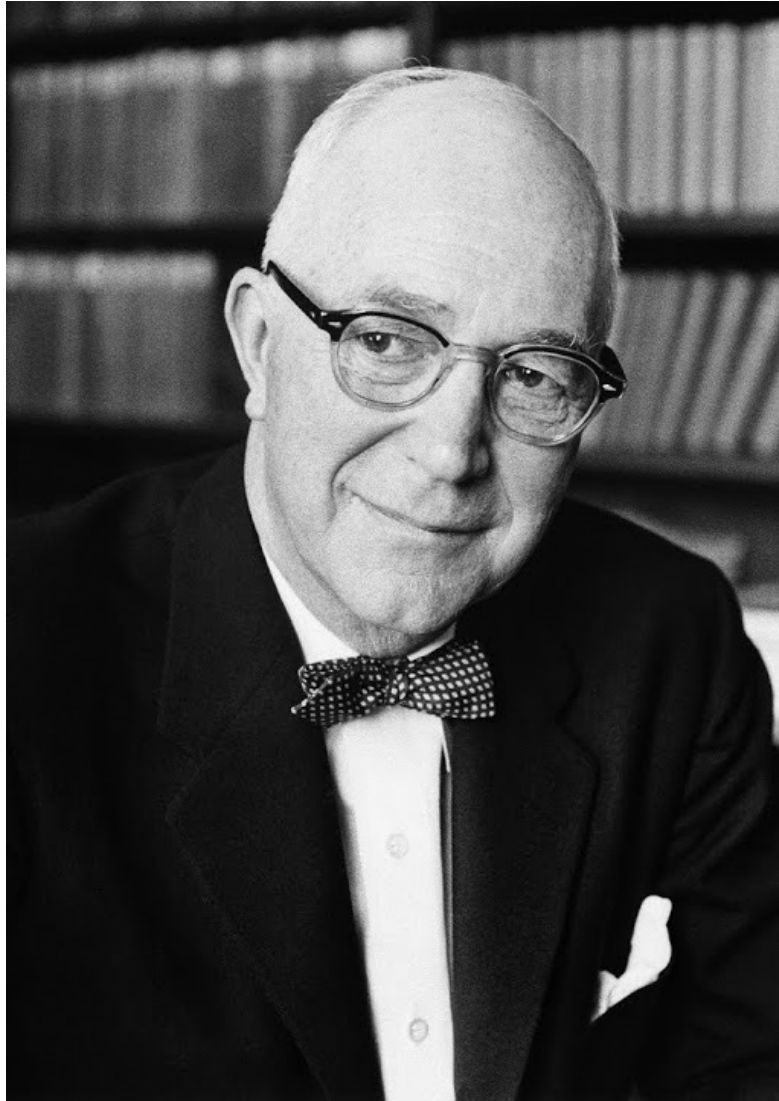
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Personality is what personality tests test.

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Dynamics



“Personality is the dynamic organization within the individual of those psychophysical systems that determine his unique adjustments to the environment.”

-Allport, 1937, p.

