

# AROUND THE WORLD RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY INCREASES UNHAPPINESS

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Our argument is simple inference from global data. We find correlations:

$$\rho(\textit{AuthResp}, \textit{Autonomy}) = -0.58$$

Also

$$\rho(\textit{AuthResp}, \textit{trustMost}) = -0.395$$

Both Autonomy and trustMost predict Happiness, ergo AuthResp is anticorrelated with Happiness.

## 1. REMINDER OF MY HAPPINESS MODEL

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> summary(mod.xx)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = happy ~ finsat + lessWork + trustMost + Autonomy,  
    data = xx)
```

Residuals:

	Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
	-21.375	-3.212	0.524	4.184	11.229

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value
(Intercept)	56.27512	3.58631	15.692
finsat	0.37943	0.05760	6.587

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lessWork	0.09572	0.04344	2.203
trustMost	0.17174	0.05510	3.117
Autonomy	-0.20675	0.11292	-1.831

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(Intercept) < 2e-16 \*\*\*

finsat 5.73e-09 \*\*\*

lessWork 0.0307 \*

trustMost 0.0026 \*\*

Autonomy 0.0711 .

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Residual standard error: 5.708 on 74 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.5321, Adjusted R-squared: 0.5068

F-statistic: 21.03 on 4 and 74 DF, p-value: 1.297e-11

## 2. COMMENTS

Our metric AuthRespect is the percentage of people who think higher respect for authority is a good thing for the future. Now it might be that people who are unhappier think things might improve if more people had respect for authority. This is wrong. Trust for *most people* and respect for most people is better correlated with collective happiness.