

## ABSTRACT

### THE NEED FOR COGNITIVE CLOSURE AND HELPING

The proposed study investigated the relationship between need for cognitive closure, attribution, and helping. The first focus was the connection between need for closure and internal causal attribution; a positive relationship was predicted. The second focus was the connection between need for closure and external causal attribution; a negative relationship was predicted. The third focus was the connection between internal causal attribution and helping; a negative relationship was predicted. The fourth focus was the connection between external causal attribution and helping; a positive relationship was predicted. The final focus was the connection between need for closure and helping without attribution mediation; a negative relationship was predicted. While literature on both topics suggests a negative relationship between the two, no study has ever assessed this relationship directly. The need for cognitive closure-helping relationship was substantially supported. However, the need for cognitive closure-attribution relationship and the attribution-helping relationship were not supported.

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