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Dispositions towards ridicule and laughter: Relationships with humiliation, core self-evaluations and resilience

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In a study with 449 (67% female) Croatian participants, individual differences in three dispositions toward ridicule and laughter (i.e., gelotophobia, gelotophilia and katagelasticism) were examined in relation to humiliation experiences, fear of humiliation, core self-evaluations and resilience. The aim of the study was to replicate and extend the findings of previous research on these relationships by using the same measure of the three dispositions (i.e., the PhoPhiKat-45 questionnaire; Ruch & Proyer, 2009). Participants also completed the Humiliation Inventory (Hartling, 1996), the Core Self-Evaluations Scale (Judge et al, 2003), and the Brief Resilience Scale (Smith et al., 2008). Bivariate and regression analyses showed that gelotophobia was associated with higher levels of cumulative humiliation and fear of humiliation and with lower levels of resilience and core self-evaluations. Both cumulative humiliation and fear of humiliation made a unique contribution to the prediction of gelotophobia, and the same was found for core self-evaluations and resilience after they were added to the predictor set. The reverse pattern of associations was observed for gelotophilia, but all correlations were reduced to non-significant after controlling for relationships with gelotophobia. No significant correlations were found for katagelasticism. Contributions of these results to the current literature on the three dispositions toward ridicule and laughter will be discussed.

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