

Significant results I:

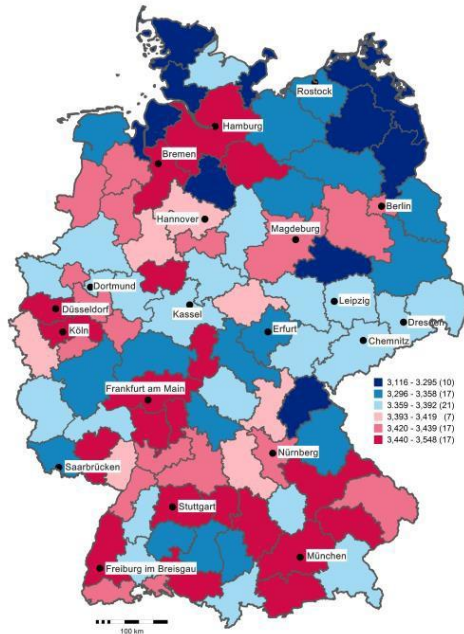
- The study is based on the largest German personality dataset with approx. 73,000 individuals

- The results of the study confirm the stereotype of the standoffish north German, the sociable south German and open-minded city dweller

- East Germans are on average less extroverted, less emotionally stable and less open to new experiences than west Germans

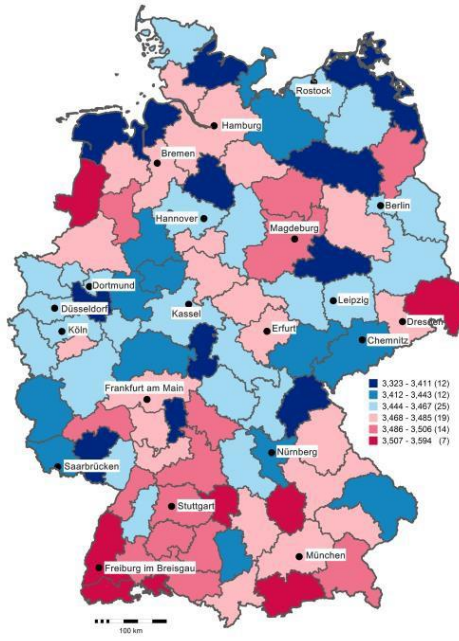
- Migration patterns (e.g. People move from a rural area to a city or from eastern to western Germany) can help explain the regional personality differences that were found

Extraversion



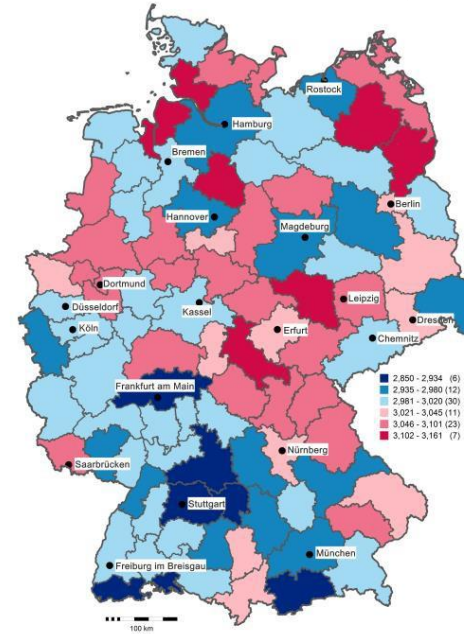
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Agreeableness



Red Values: high
Blue Values: low

Neuroticism
(more limited emotional stability)



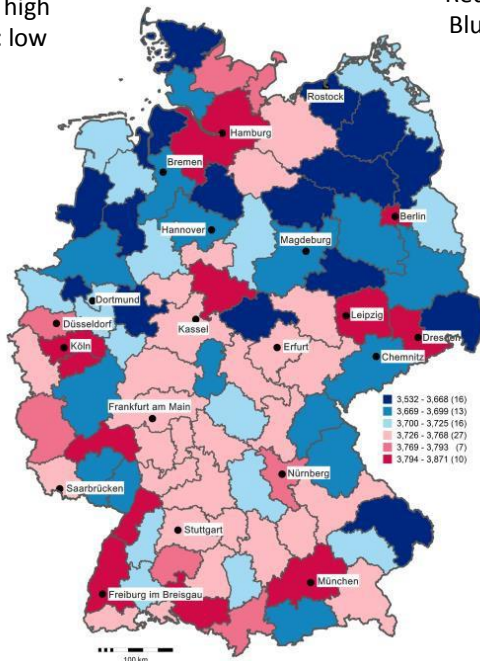
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Significant results II:

- There are indications for a bisection of Germany according to emotional stability (opposite of neuroticism) along the historical Limes Line, with higher values for emotional stability south of this line

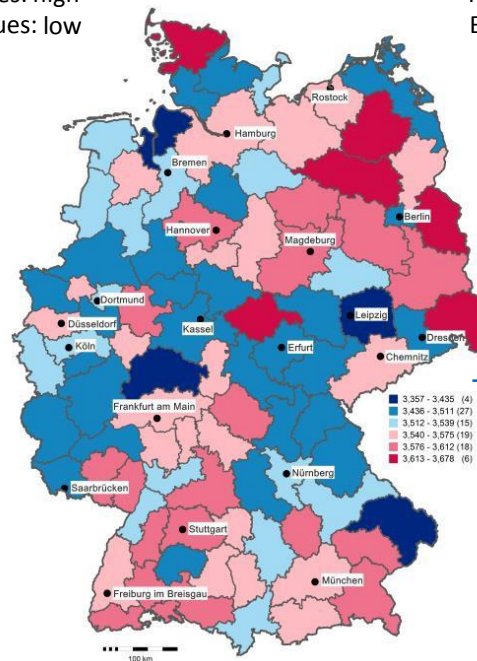
- Overall, the regional differences found are relatively small, but they can have major consequences for the economic and social development paths of entire regions, as our research shows

Openness to new experiences



Red Values: high
Blue values: low

Conscientiousness



Red values: high
Blue values: low

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