

Personality and situational predictors of helping war refugees from Ukraine.

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Background. The war in Ukraine caused a big wave of migrants, searching for a safe space. Poles responded with help initiatives, which started to decrease with time.

Aim. The aim of the study was to assess the personality and situational factors which determined the continuous help towards Ukrainian migrants.

Methods. The research was conducted on a sample of 720 people in the first measurement in March 2022, and then 127 people completed the questionnaire again in June 2022. In the context of personality factors, five basic personality traits were measured, the degree of altruism and sense of control, as well as state anxiety. The main situational factors included the sense of threat of armed conflict, the level of anxiety as a state and the intensity of following social media. Additionally, the level of social distance towards Russians and Ukrainians on the Bogardus scale was included in the model, and basic demographic data was collected.

Results. The regression analyses show that both personality and situational factors play a significant role in predicting the level of involvement in helping refugees.

Conclusion. Although personality remains an important predictor of helping behaviour, some situational contexts may significantly change its impact.

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