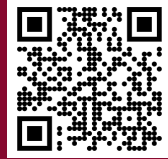


# When We Legitimize Bad Systems

## Distinguishing Tacit and Bolstering Forms of System Justification

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### Highlights

- People can legitimize the status quo even when they actively dislike it (Tacit System Justification). These justifications of the status quo are predicted by **decreased hope for social change** and **lower perceived controllability** over society.
- Bolstering and Tacit system justification predict **decreased willingness to participate in collective action**

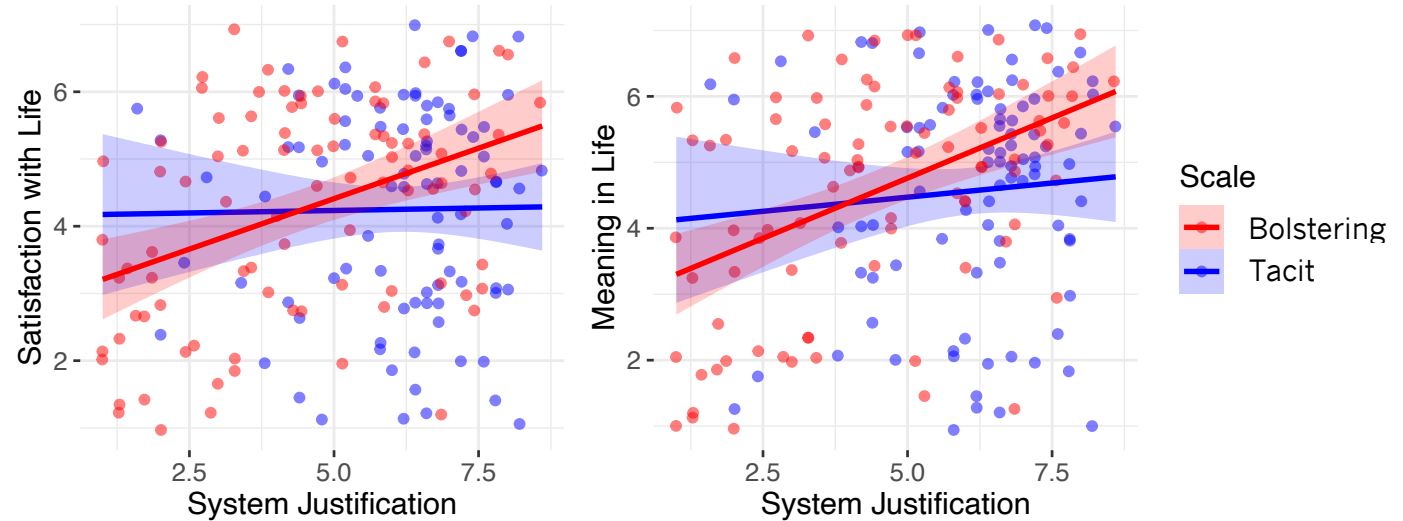
### PURPOSE

To differentiate between legitimations of the status quo borne out of explicit liking of systems (bolstering system justification), and legitimations of the status quo borne out of hopelessness for social change.

### METHODS

1. 2 Correlational surveys (total  $N = 317$ ).
2. Common measures across surveys: Bolstering & Tacit System Justification, Hope & Control for social change
3. Survey 1 included measures of life satisfaction and activism

### RESULTS



DV: Tacit System Justification							
IV	B	SE	t (df)	p	95% CI		$\beta$
					UB	LB	
Collective hope	-.19	.09	-2.07(308)	.039*	-.38	-.01	-.12
Personal control	-.12	.04	-3.12(308)	.002*	-.20	-.05	-.18

DV: High Risk Activism							
DV	B	SE	t (df)	p	95% CI		$\beta$
					UB	LB	
Bolstering SJ	-.10	.05	-2.14 (153)	.03*	-.19	-.01	-.21
Tacit SJ	-.14	.04	-3.27 (153)	.001**	-.23	-.06	-.26
Conservatism	-.06	.05	-1.15 (153)	ns	-.16	.04	-.12