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Longing for the good old days of our past



*Understanding the triggers, functions and
consequences of collective nostalgia*

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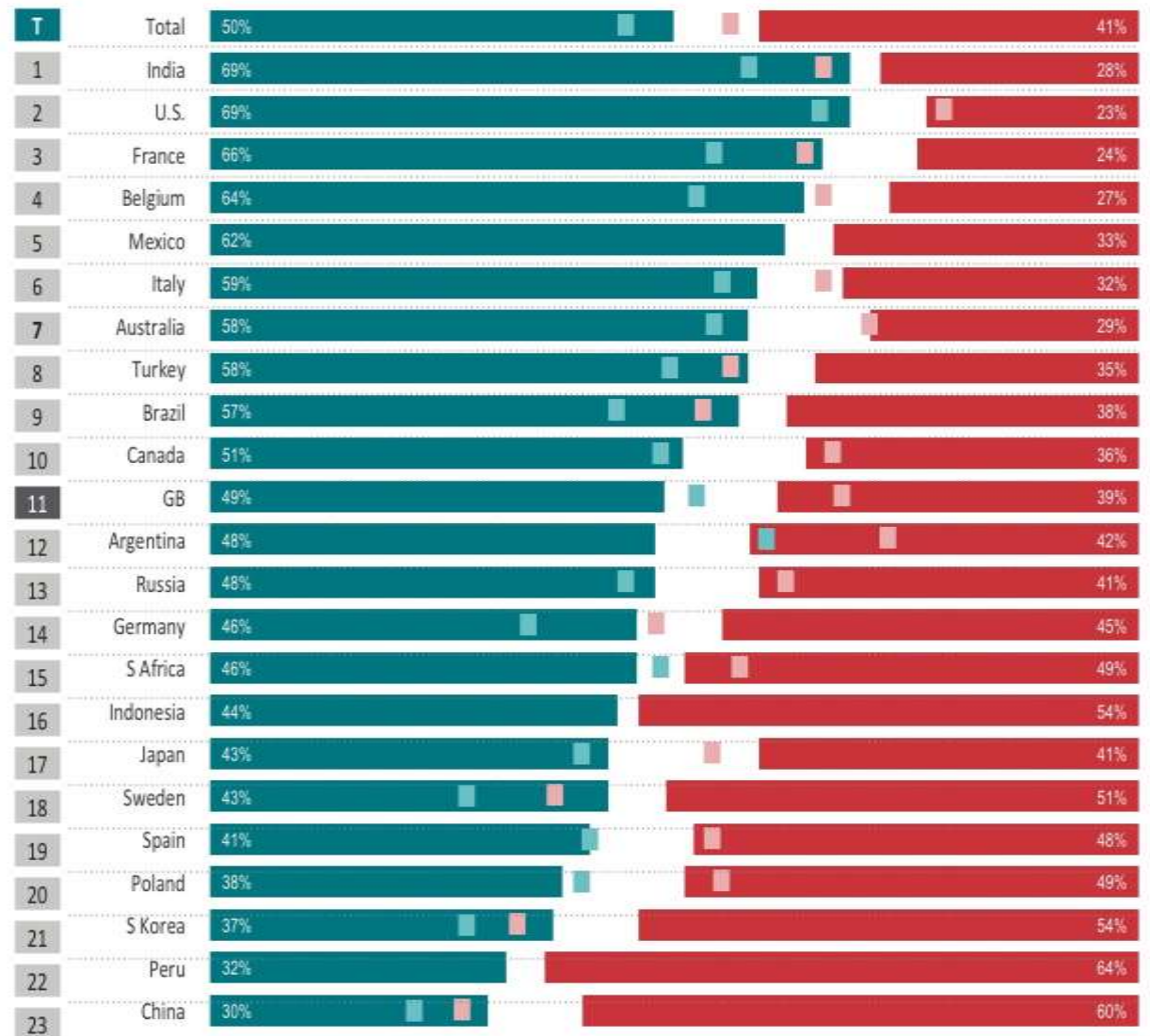
Memory Lane



OUTLOOK / MOOD / LIFE

Now for some more statements. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these?

I would like my country to be the way it used to be



Base: 18,180 adults across 23 countries, online, 12th Sep – 11th Oct 2016

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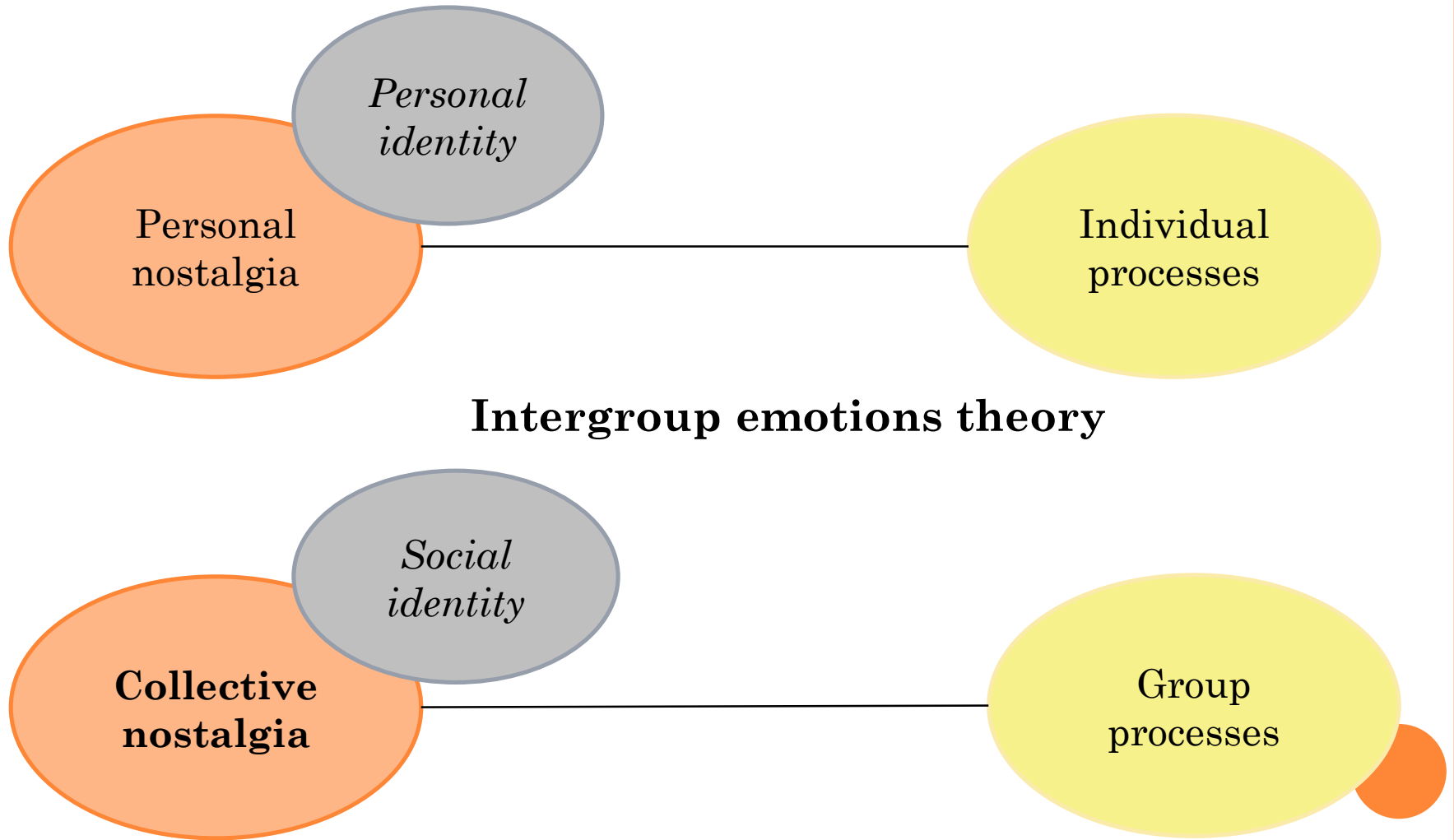


POPULIST RADICAL-RIGHT



RESEARCH IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

“A sentimental longing for a positively remembered past”



RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. Triggers and functions?
2. Consequences for:
 - a) intragroup & intergroup relations?
 - b) support for populist radical-right parties?

Focus on national identity
Native majority members



TRIGGERS AND FUNCTIONS

Trigger

Restorative function

Identity
discontinuity

Nostalgia

Identity
continuity

Similar mechanism for national nostalgia?



CONSEQUENCES FOR GROUP DYNAMICS

Intergroup emotions theory

Regulation group attitudes & behavior



PREVIOUS WORK & NEXT STEPS

Trigger

National
identity
discontinuity

Coping mechanism

**National
Nostalgia**

Consequence

In-group
protection

Out-group
rejection

- *Causal (longitudinal) relationships*
- *Relation to actual behavior (collective action tendencies)*



LONGITUDINAL DATA COLLECTION



- data: 2 waves (6 month interval)
- Representative sample
- Native Dutch majority members
- $N = 1694$ (completed both waves)



MEASURES I – DISCONTINUITY & NOSTALGIA

Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about your country.

National identity discontinuity (1 = *strongly disagree*, 7 = *strongly agree*)

1. Dutch identity is no longer what it used to be in the past.
2. Throughout history, the Dutch culture has undergone a lot of changes.
3. Many Dutch traditions have been lost over time.

National nostalgia (1 = *never*, 5 = *to a great extent*)

When thinking about your country now, to what extent do you feel...

1. ...nostalgic about the way Dutch people were in the past
2. ...nostalgic about the values that Dutch people had in the past
3. ...nostalgic about the good old days of the Netherlands
4. ...nostalgic about the sort of place the Netherlands was before

MEASURES II – ACTION TENDENCIES

Ingroup protection

Please indicate your willingness to engage in each of the following actions in order to protect original Dutch customs and traditions

Out-group rejection

Please indicate your willingness to engage in each of the following actions in order to limit immigration to The Netherlands

1. Send an email of protest to the government
2. Participate in a demonstration
3. Help organize a petition
4. Donate money to the cause

(1 = Very unwilling, 7 = Very willing)

ANALYSIS

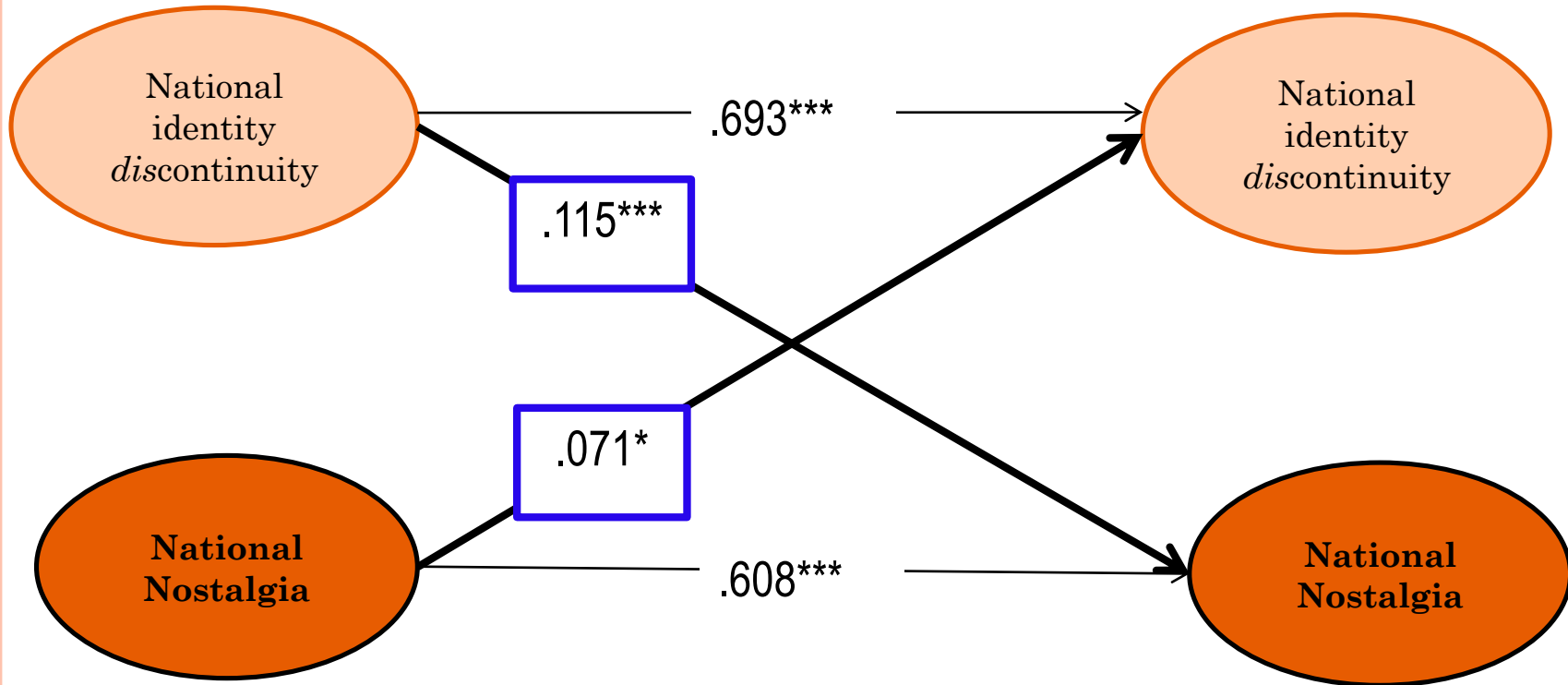
- Cross-lagged panel analysis Mplus
- Latent variables for key constructs
- All paths are estimated simultaneously
- Controls T1: personal nostalgia, age, gender, education
- Mplus default: correlations between T1 and T2 latent vars



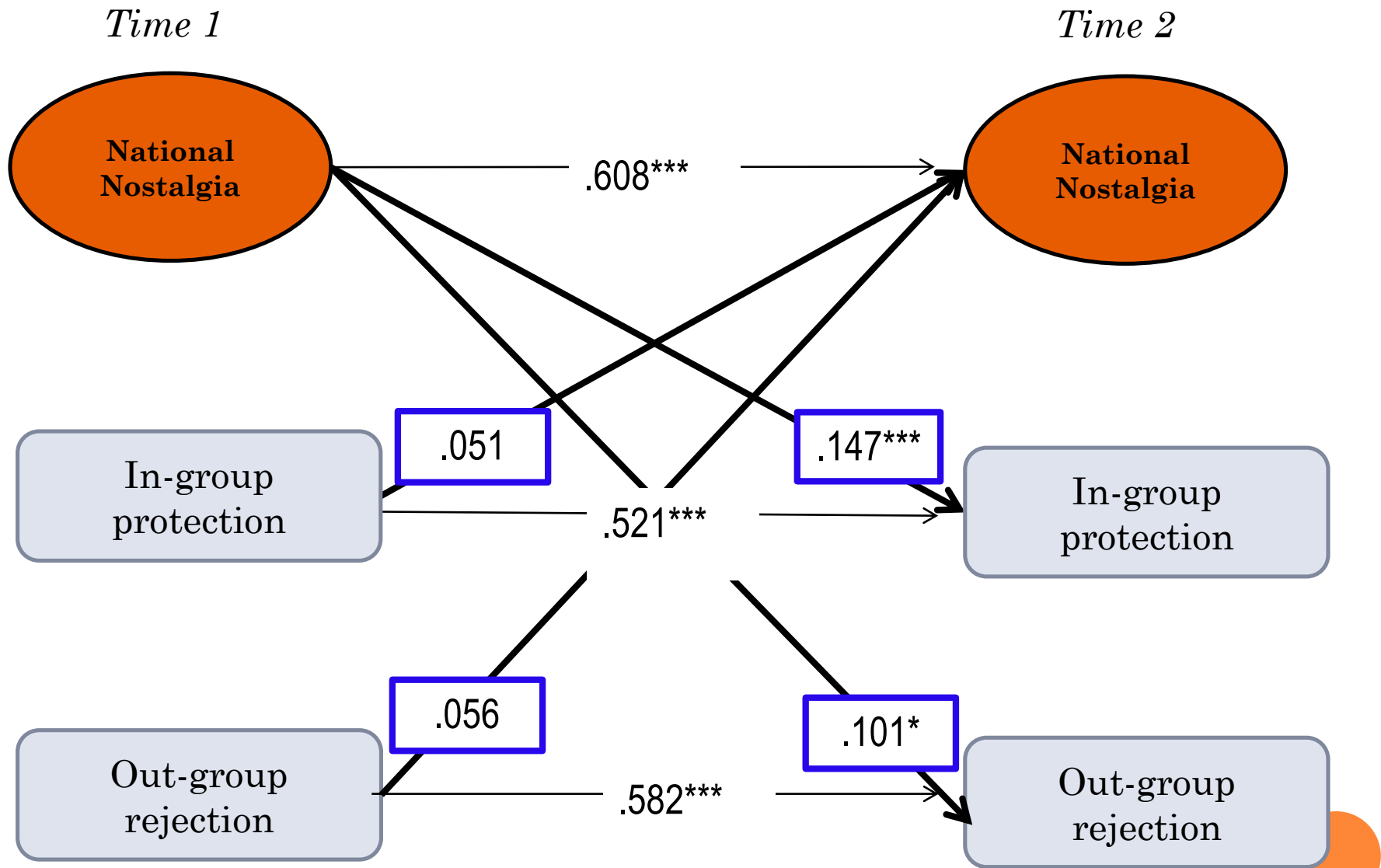
PART I – DISCONTINUITY & NOSTALGIA

Time 1

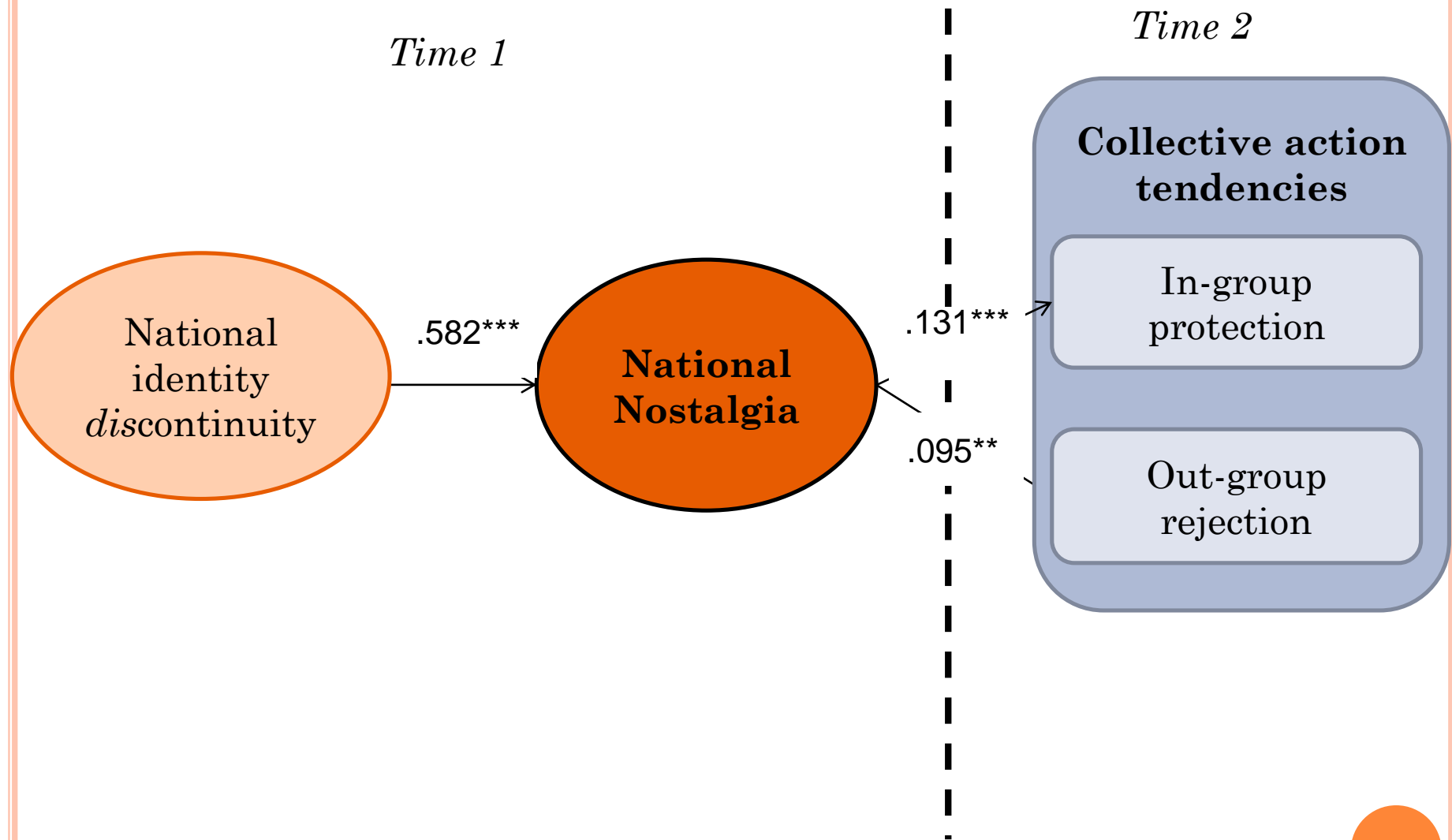
Time 2



PART II – NOSTALGIA CONSEQUENCES



PART III – TESTING INDIRECT EFFECT



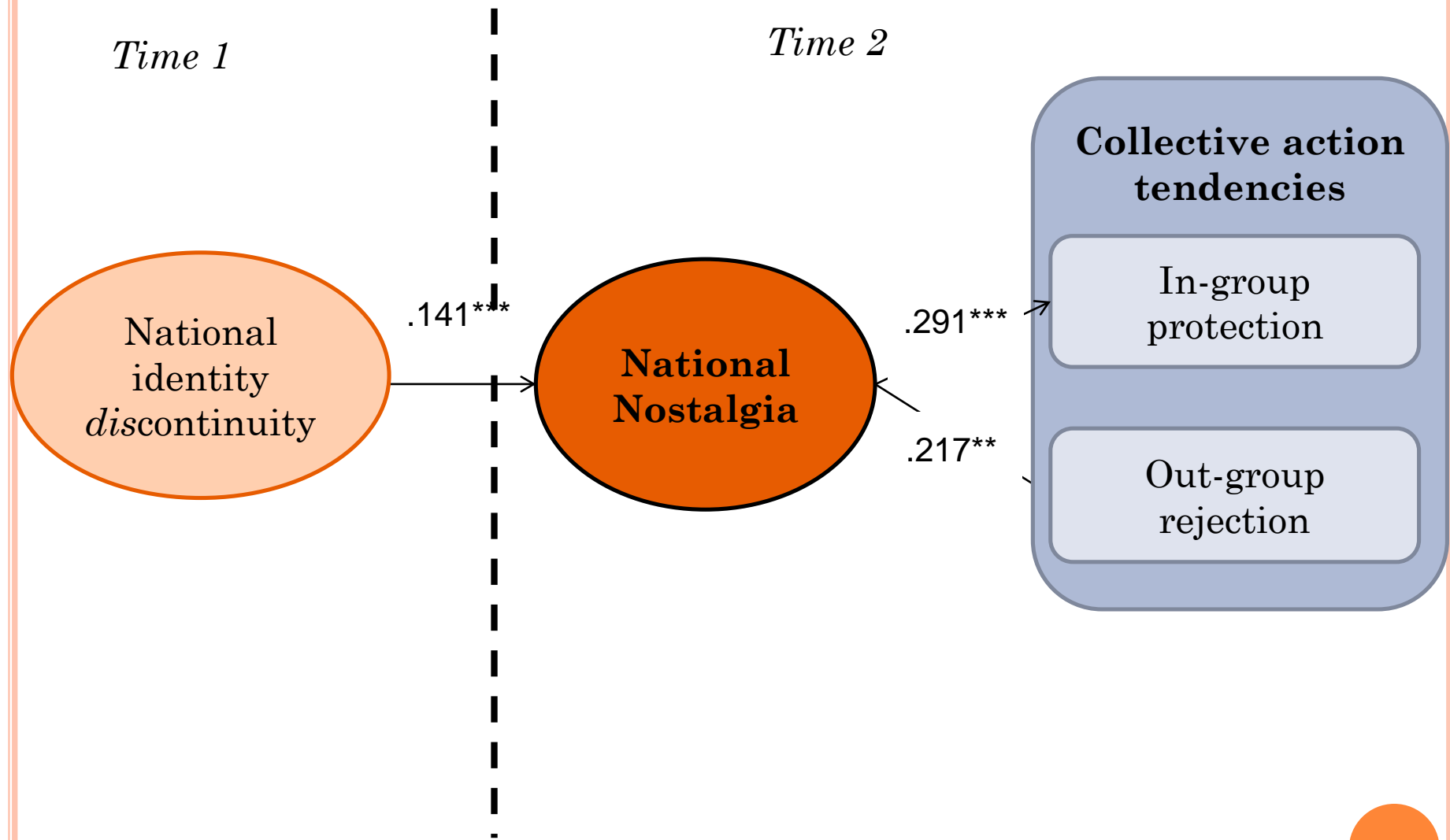
Boostrapping 1000 samples (stand. results)

Indirect effect on in-group protect ($\beta = .08$, LCI = .029, UCI = .114)

Indirect effect on out-group reject ($\beta = .06$, LCI = .019, UCI = .086)



PART III – INDIRECT EFFECT OPTION 2



Boostrapping 1000 samples (stand. results)

Indirect effect on in-group protect ($\beta = .04$, LCI = .021, UCI = .063)

Indirect effect on out-group reject ($\beta = .03$, LCI = .016, UCI = .046)



CONCLUSION & ONGOING RESEARCH

National nostalgia

- **Triggers:** national identity discontinuity
- **Functions & consequences:** restoring identity continuity by
 - Protecting in-group
 - Rejecting immigrant out-group
- **Ongoing projects:**
 - Populist radical-right voting as a consequence
 - Linking new data with 'Politics & Values' LISS Core study

LISS PROJECT W1 & POLITICS AND VALUES

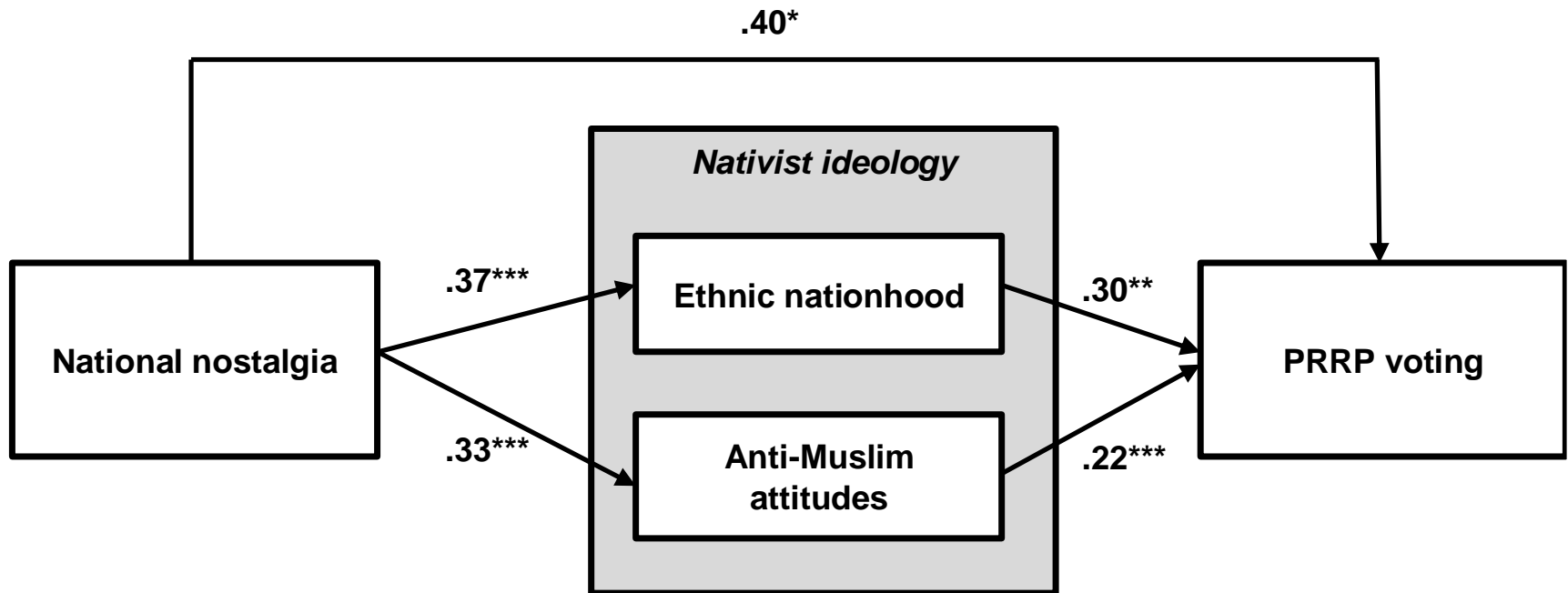


Figure 2. Logistic regression mediation model: Influence of national nostalgia on PRRP voting, via ethnic nationhood and anti-Muslim attitudes (controlling for social class, gender and age). Path-coefficients are unstandardized estimates.

QUESTIONS?

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