Victims may have a negative cognitive style:
A systematic review

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Keep in mind

(Akiyoshi Kitaoka, 2017)
Why?

› Interventions help, but not enough (e.g. Ttofi & Farrington, 2011)

› Bullying is a social process

› Social cognition

› Victims have lower social skills and social intelligence (Crawford & Manassis, 2011; Fox & Boulton, 2005; Perren & Alsaker, 2006; Sofronoff, Dark & Stone, 2010; Kaukiainen et al., 2002)
Theory: SIP Model

Database: Memories Knowledge Schemas

Constructing Response
(Crick & Dodge, 1994)

Clarifying Goals

Deciding Response

Enacting Behavior
Theory: Social Cognition & Victimization

› Reaffiliation theory (Buckner, DeWall, Schmidt, & Maner, 2010; Chen, Du, Xiang, Zhang, & Zhang, 2017; DeWall et al., 2011)

› Prevention theory (Spithoven, Bijttebier, & Goossens, 2017; Van Reemst, Fischer, & Zwirs, 2016)

› Desensitization theory (Bernstein, 2003)
What is the state of art...

› RQ: ... in research on social cognition in relation to victimization of bullying?

› Systematic literature review
Results: Encoding

› Attention (4)
  ▪ Threatening cues?

› Accurate representation
  ▪ Events (3)
    - Less accurate?
    - Memory confounder
  ▪ Emotion recognition (10)
    - Few differences, but...
Results:
Interpretation

› Peer perception (17)
  ▪ Negative bias?

› Attribution of situations (32)
  ▪ Expecting danger
Results: Understanding others

- Empathy (22)
  - Mostly no differences for victims

- Theory of Mind (8)
  - Ability
  - Mixed results
  - Risk factor?
Discussion

› General tendency
  ▪ Stronger emphasis on negative events
  → Pattern of expectancy

› Research needed on
  ▪ Chronic victims?
  ▪ Links between SIP phases?
  ▪ Causality?
Take home message

› Think of the grey strawberry!

› Any questions?

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Articles per topic

› Encoding
  • Attention: 4
  • Accurate representation
    - Events: 3
    - Emotion recognition: 10

› Interpretation
  • Peer perception: 17
  • Attribution of situations: 32

› Understanding others
  • Empathy: 22
  • Theory of Mind: 8
Theory I: SIP Model

- Encoding
- Interpreting
- Behavior
- Database

(Crick & Dodge, 1994)