

Are Intellectually Humble People More Conciliatory in the Face of Peer Disagreement?



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Some **philosophers** have claimed conciliatory responses to peer disagreement embody intellectual humility

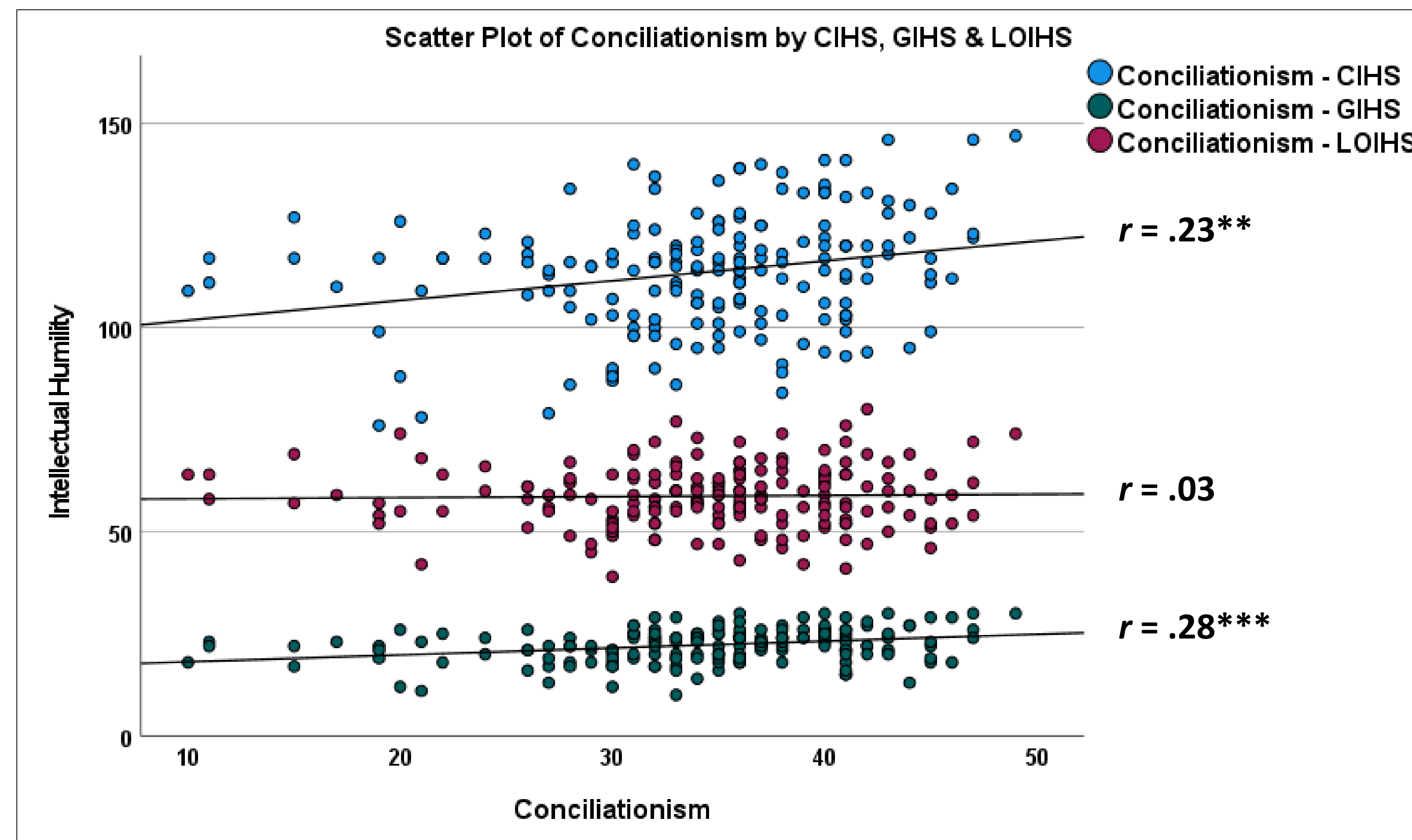
Some **psychologists** who have developed measures of intellectual humility claim it manifests itself in conciliatory responses to peer disagreement

Intellectual humility (IH) = Recognizing one's intellectual limitations & responding appropriately to them

Conciliationism = responding to disagreement with epistemic peer by lowering confidence in one's original opinion

Epistemic peer = someone equal in terms of:

- Evidence or information
- Intelligence
- Skill at evaluating evidence
- Time spent thinking about topic
- Bias



CIHS = Comprehensive Intellectual Humility Scale (Krumrei-Mancuso & Rouse, 2016)

GIHS = General Intellectual Humility Scale (Leary et al., 2017)

LOIHS = Limitations-Owning Intellectual Humility Scale (Haggard et al., 2018)

Findings:

- CIHS and conciliationism positively correlated to moderate degree
- GIHS and conciliationism positively correlated to moderate degree
- Intellectually humble see more people as epistemic peers
- Psychological dispositions underlying CIHS & GIHS distinct from those underlying conciliationism
- IH scales measure distinct constructs



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