

## Introduction

### RESEARCH GOAL

- A. Relation between parental economic perceptions and academic overinvolvement
- B. Moderating role of parental personality

### THEORETICAL/EMPIRICAL BASIS

#### Academic Overinvolvement (AO)

- > No extant validated scale of AO
- > Helicopter parenting → student entitlement → counterproductive academic behaviours and motivations (Schiffrin & Liss, 2017)

#### Macrocontextual Influence

- (Bronfenbrenner, 1984)
- > Parallel trends of ↑ inequality and ↑ parental involvement (Zillibotti & Doepke, 2019); conceptual clarity of involvement?/perceived vs. objective inequality?

#### Personality & Parenting (Belsky, 1984):

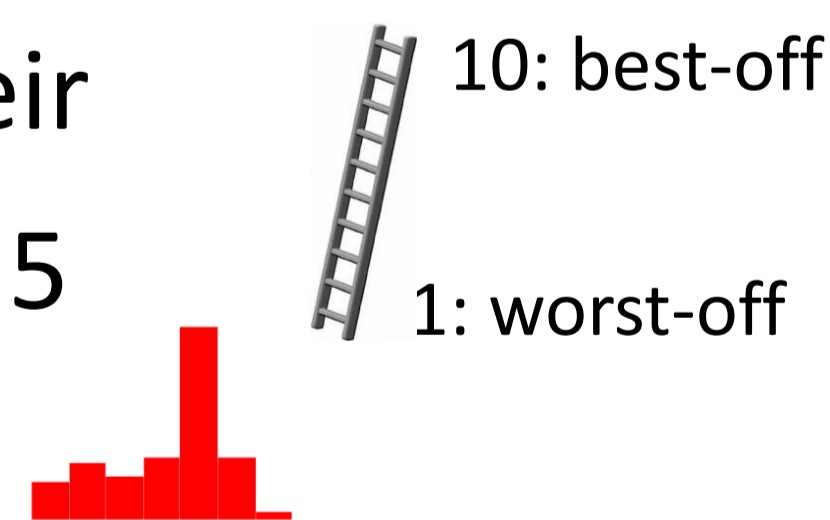
- > Neuroticism: “Negative” parenting → overinvolvement?
- > Conscientiousness: Achievement-orientation → Overinvolvement?



## Method

### PARTICIPANTS

- Belgian sample of 104 mothers and 72 fathers (M<sub>age</sub> = 49) of adolescents (M<sub>age</sub> = 16.5)
- 78% of parents rated their social status higher than 5
- Highly-educated sample



### MEASURES (parent self-reports)

#### Personality (Soto & John, 2017)

#### Conscientiousness

- > 6 items,  $\alpha = 0.75$
- > “Perserveres until the task is finished”

#### Neuroticism

- > 6 items,  $\alpha = 0.78$ ; e.g., “Worries a lot”

#### Academic Overinvolvement

- (Self-constructed, Chevrier et al., 2022)
- > 5 items,  $\alpha = 0.81$ ;
  - > e.g., “I keep track of *all* my child’s assignments”

#### Perceived Job Insecurity

- (Adapted, Schoss et al., 2022)
- > 3 items,  $\alpha = 0.83$
  - > e.g., “A lot of people think they are going to lose their job in a near future”

#### Perceived Income Inequality (Sommet et al., 2018)

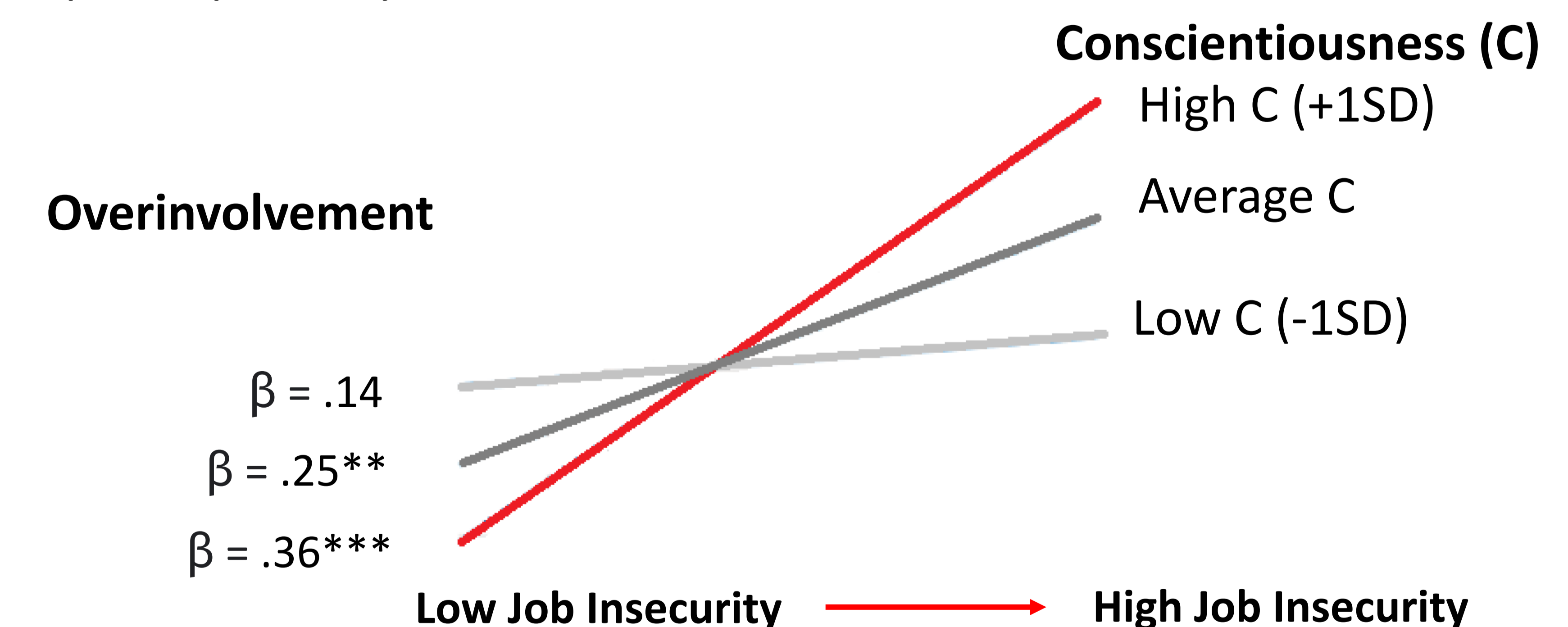
- > 3 items,  $\alpha = 0.80$
- > e.g., “In Belgium, there is an enormous gap between the rich and the poor”

## Results

Table 1. Hierarchical Regressions for fathers’ and mothers’ academic involvement

	Mothers’ Academic Overinvolvement		Fathers’ Academic Overinvolvement	
Insecurity	.28**	.30**	.11	.02
Conscient.	.24**	.26**	.03	.00
Moderation	.18*		.18	
Inequality	.19*	.20*	-.10	-.11
Conscient.	.29**	.34**	.00	.00
Moderation	-.18		.02	
Insecurity	.33**	.32**	.33	.15
Neuroticism	-.02	-.02	-.02	-.04
Moderation	-.04		-.12	
Inequality	.21*	.22*	-.10	-.10
Neuroticism	.02	.08	.00	-.05
Moderation	-.15		-.01	

Figure 1. Simple Slope Analysis for mothers’ academic overinvolvement



## Discussion

- Parents’ perceptions of job insecurity and inequality matter... for maternal overinvolvement, as does conscientiousness (C)
- Maternal as a coping strategy in the face of economic threats and insecurities?
- Need for further research on overinvolvement among fathers