

Conceptualizing Resilience: A Process-Oriented Approach

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Resilience is the capacity of a system to recover from adversity and maintain or restore its functioning. This paper explores the concept of resilience from a process-oriented perspective, focusing on the dynamic interactions between individual, community, and societal factors. We argue that resilience is not a static trait but a process that evolves over time in response to various stressors and challenges. This approach emphasizes the role of protective factors and the importance of fostering a supportive environment for individuals and communities to thrive despite adversity.

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Resilience is a complex phenomenon that has been studied extensively in various fields, including psychology, sociology, and public health. The concept of resilience has evolved over time, from its initial focus on individual psychological traits to a more holistic view that encompasses the entire system. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current understanding of resilience, with a particular emphasis on a process-oriented approach.

The process-oriented approach to resilience focuses on the dynamic interactions between individual, community, and societal factors. This approach recognizes that resilience is not a static trait but a process that evolves over time in response to various stressors and challenges. Key factors that influence resilience include individual characteristics (such as personality, coping skills, and social support), community resources (such as social networks and community norms), and societal structures (such as economic conditions and public policies).

Understanding resilience from a process-oriented perspective has important implications for research and practice. It suggests that interventions aimed at enhancing resilience should focus on strengthening the protective factors and fostering a supportive environment for individuals and communities. This approach also highlights the importance of ongoing monitoring and evaluation to assess the effectiveness of resilience-building efforts over time.

In conclusion, this paper provides a conceptual framework for understanding resilience as a process-oriented phenomenon. By focusing on the dynamic interactions between individual, community, and societal factors, we can gain a deeper understanding of how resilience is built and maintained. This approach offers valuable insights for researchers and practitioners alike, paving the way for more effective interventions to enhance resilience in individuals and communities.

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Individual resilience is the capacity of an individual to recover from adversity and maintain or restore their functioning. This paper explores the concept of individual resilience from a process-oriented perspective, focusing on the dynamic interactions between individual, community, and societal factors. We argue that individual resilience is not a static trait but a process that evolves over time in response to various stressors and challenges. This approach emphasizes the role of protective factors and the importance of fostering a supportive environment for individuals to thrive despite adversity.

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4. Ra / x a a a t r t h a r	.03	.45	.14	1.00							
5. D at of ar t () r t h a r	-.03	.06	.05	.10	1.00						
6. A roac co	.11	-.12	-.02	-.01	.01	1.00					
7. A o a c co	.06	-.09	-.09	-.10	-.14	-.22	1.00				
8. I t r a b a o r	-.05	.0001	.16	.04	.18	-.01	-.36	1.00			
9. E x t r a b a o r	-.01	-.07	.21	-.04	.01	-.10	-.03	.40	1.00		
10. A a t / ro oc a b a o r	.15	-.22	-.08	-.11	.007	.34	-.15	.07	-.09	1.00	
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Gender, age, and mental health. T r f f c t of r a a r t a t t c a f c a t o r f o r a a t / ro oc a b a o r at T3. M a r o r t r T3 a a t / ro oc a b a o r co ar to f a ($b = 2.07, p = .03$). R ar - f f c t , r a t o a ar a b j c t' a a f c a t a o c at t r a T3 a a t / ro oc a b a o r ($b = 0.28, p = .006$).

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b a o r ($b = 0.73, p < .001$). It a a o a o c at t r a a o r T3 x t r a b a o r ($b = 0.20, p = .06$), a t r a b a o r ($b = 0.20, p = .08$). A o a c co a f c a t a o c at t r a o r T3 t r a b a o r ($b = 1.47, p < .001$), o r T3 a a t / ro oc a b a o r ($b = 0.75, p = .005$), a o r o t t r a at c tr to ($b = 2.01, p < .001$).

Mediation through approach and avoidance coping

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Table 5. Estimated regression models predicting Wave 3 mental health outcomes from baseline war exposures, gender, age, and coping with autoregressive controls

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K o r o o o r t h a r	1.41* (0.69)	1.60** (0.53)	-1.45 (0.78)	3.17*** (0.82)
Wa ra o r x a a a t r t h a r	-0.72 (1.06)	-0.51 (0.74)	-0.24 (1.03)	-0.36 (1.16)
Par t () r t h a r	1.30 (0.73)	0.13 (0.54)	0.86 (0.71)	1.61* (0.75)
F a	-1.05 (0.89)	-0.45 (0.64)	-2.07* (0.87)	0.02 (0.90)
A at T 3	-0.11 (0.09)	0.01 (0.07)	0.28** (0.10)	-0.03 (0.10)
I t r a b a o r at T 1	0.10 (0.06)	0.03 (0.03)	0.05 (0.06)	0.08 (0.06)
E x t r a b a o r at T 1	-0.02 (0.09)	0.09 (0.06)	-0.13 (0.10)	-0.01 (0.10)
E x t r a b a o r at T 2	0.00 (0.09)	0.07 (0.06)	0.04 (0.09)	0.02 (0.10)
A a t / ro oc a b a o r at T 1	-0.09 (0.05)	0.07 (0.04)	0.08 (0.06)	0.02 (0.06)
A a t / ro oc a b a o r at T 2	0.05 (0.05)	-0.04 (0.03)	0.11* (0.05)	-0.02 (0.06)
P o t t r a at c tr to at T 2	-0.07 (0.89)	-0.01 (0.04)	0.07 (0.06)	-0.10 (0.08)
A roac co	-0.20 (0.11)	-0.20 (0.10)	0.73*** (0.13)	-0.05 (0.14)
A o a c co	-1.47*** (0.23)	-0.12 (0.18)	-0.75** (0.26)	-2.01*** (0.25)

Note: Co f f c t b, t a t r o co f f c t f o r t r a o c at r c t o r; SE, t a ar r o r f o r t r a o c at r o co f f c t. $p \leq .1$. * $p \leq .05$. ** $p \leq .01$. *** $p \leq .001$.

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