

## Biologically inspired causal theories

- During the 1950s - 1990s, while Americans focused on descriptive taxonomies and debated whether personality made a difference, trait theory was alive and well and living in Europe.
- The Europeans emphasized biological models of the “Giant 3”: Extraversion, Neuroticism, and “Psychoticism” (also called “tough mindedness”).
- They also included the study of intelligence as part of the study of personality and individual differences.

