

FIGURE 1

A MODEL OF LARGER-THAN-LIFE DRAMA

SELF

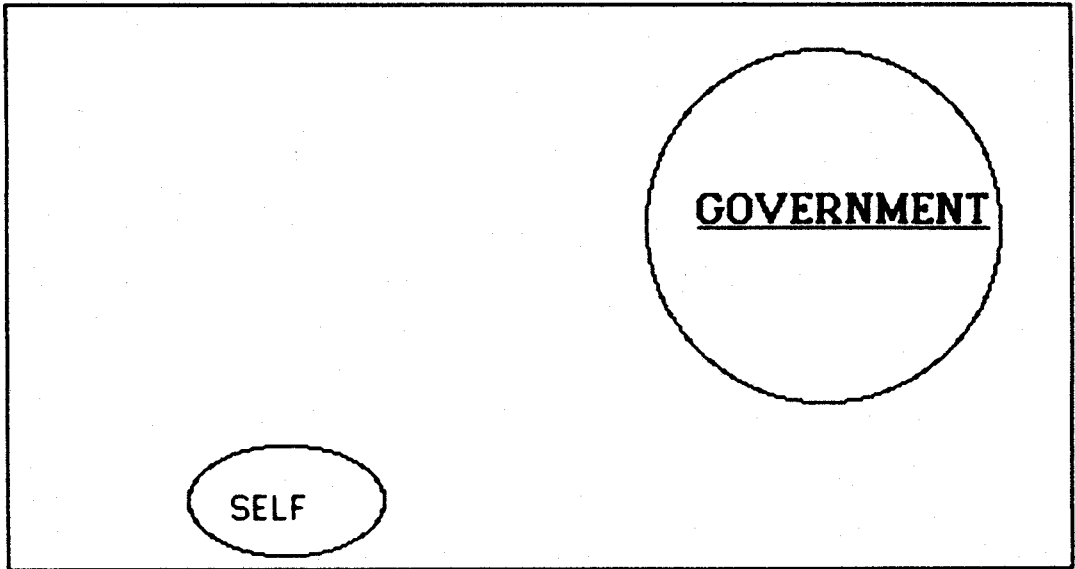


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Specifications of Personal Psychology of Liberal Activists

I. <u>High Salience Vertical Dramatization of Reality</u>	<u>LA</u>
1. Government animistic, metaphysically elevated	Yes
2. Self, objects of solicitude, imagined below	Yes
3. Personally unsatisfactory, uncomfortable, relation of self to higher presences	Yes
4. Solicitude sought from government, higher presences (e.g. freedom, commitment, caring)	Yes
5. “Upward” mobility sought for lower, deprived groups (e.g. equality, equal opportunity)	Yes
6. Experience/faith higher presences are essentially good	Yes
7. Well-being of self and society believed to depend primarily on leadership, action by and relation to, higher presences	Yes
II. <u>Underlying Despair, Alienation</u>	
8. Alienation of some forms, not anomie	Yes
9. Episodic despair	Yes
10. Episodic fear of catastrophe	Yes
11. Individuation anxiety	Yes
12. Self-restorative quest for salvation through realized blessing of ideals	Yes

III. Tendencies to Symbolic Politics and Magical Thought LA

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| 13. Words and symbols above sense of self | Yes |
| 14. Special faith in “upward” metaphysical transformations through knowledge, education | Yes |
| 15. Special attractions to talking, writing, ideas | Yes |
| 16. Symbolic politics | Yes |
| 17. Wishful enthusiasms for novelty | Yes |
| 18. Selective perceptions, misperception | Yes |
| 19. High confidence (bipolar) | Yes |

IV. Search for Creation of Overarching Empathetic Mirroring Via Animistic Symbols

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| 20. Quest for self-therapy through empathetic mirroring | Yes |
| 21. Quest for self-integration from self-reflective intellectual/verbal integrations | Yes |
| 22. Quest for aliveness of self through recognition and symbolization from creative arts | Yes |
| 23. Desire to be understood by theory | Yes |
| 24. Tendency to over simple theoretical structures | Yes |
| 25. Identity sorting and construction via creative work | Yes |

V. <u>Guilt Aggression</u>	<u>LA</u>
26. Tendency to self-criticism, introspection	Yes
27. Sense of personal guilt, responsibility	Yes
28. Need to retain virtuous, non-aggressive self-image	Yes
29. Aggression when masked in a good cause	Yes
30. Aggression inhibited by identification with victims	Yes
31. Self-defensive identification with victims	Yes
32. Retributive efforts (see 3, above) to make higher presences uncomfortable, esp. for shortfalls of ideals	?
33. Dependent complaining and criticism of imperfect government	Yes
34. Splitting-off of aggressive impulses (e.g., into images of businessmen)	Sometimes
35. Low direct aggression, low hostility; tolerance	Yes
VI. <u>Hyperactivity</u>	
36. Bipolar (manic-depressive type switching)	Yes
37. Absence of self-reflection in activist phase	Yes
38. High faith and sense of efficacy alternating with despair, self-doubt	Yes
39. Hyperactive in service of progress	Yes

VII. Other

40. Inhibited need for affection	Yes
41. Bid for affection <u>from</u> distant, low status, "safe" groups	Yes
42. Hypnotic entrapment love of power & politics	Probable
43. Maternal quality to solicitous government action	For men?
44. Inner personal reserve; privacy	Yes
45. Inner need for autonomy, freedom from hierarchical contexts	Yes
46. Inner-directed moral reasoning	?
47. Idealistic	Yes
48. Introvert	?
49. Creative	Yes
50. Low Machiavellianism	Maybe
51. Trust in human nature	Yes
52. Obsessive	?
53. Ego defensive	?
54. Low priority to conventional duties	No
55. High moral character	-
56. Resistance to full equality & power sharing (desires to be the overmind/architect of the socialist state, etc.)	?
57. Courage	Yes
58. Physiological predisposition to syndrome	?