



# Social dominance orientation and attitudes towards climate-driven migration

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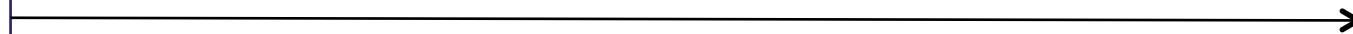
# Context: Australia and New Zealand



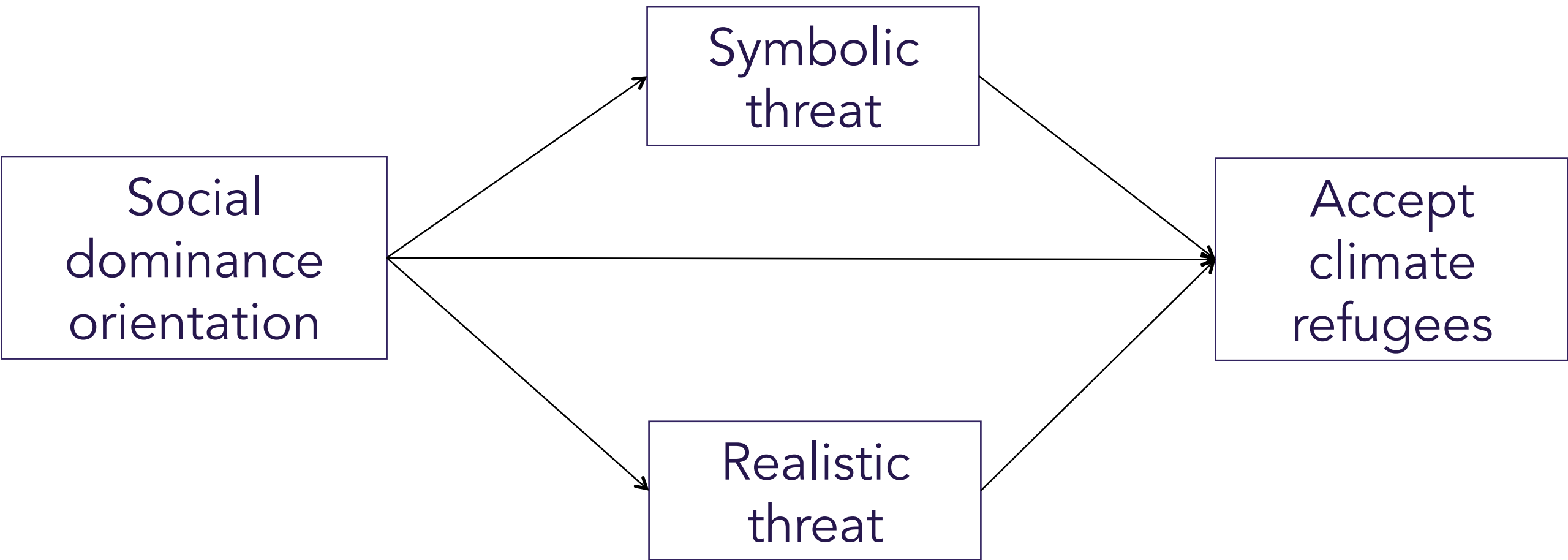
# Support for climate-driven migration

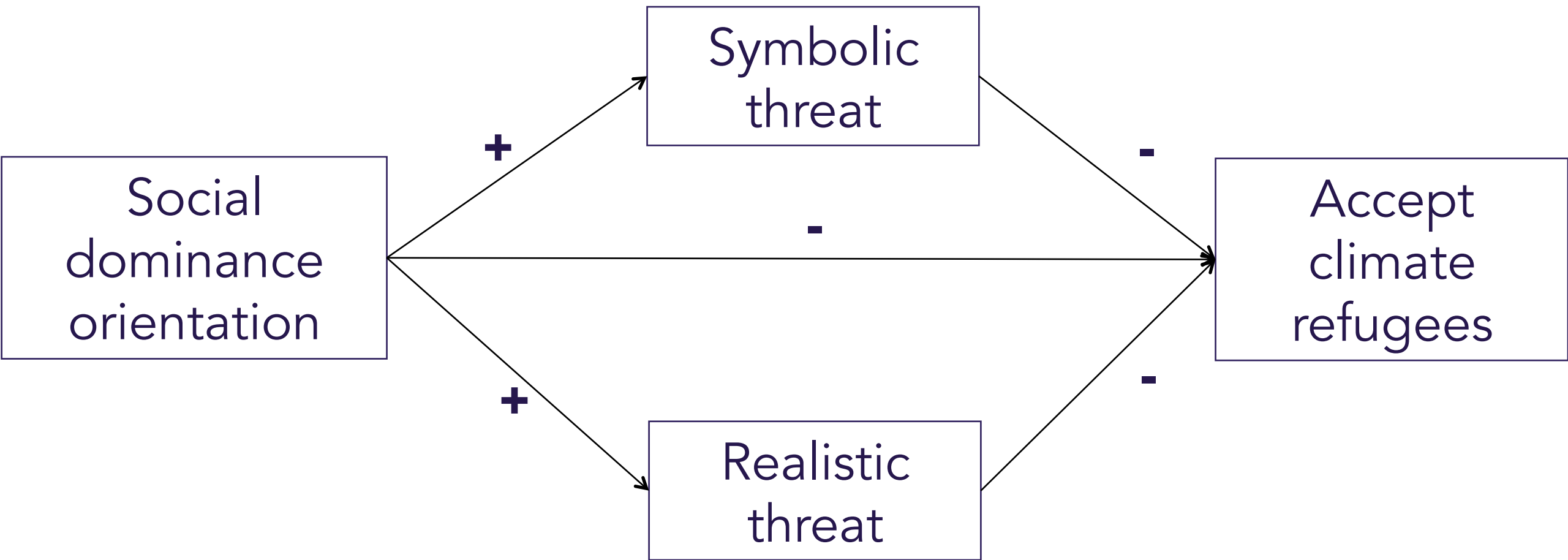
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| <b>New Zealand</b>  |                                    |
| Sample 1 (N = 2539)<br>Accepting 'climate refugees', which are people who have had to leave their country due to the effects of climate change. | 77% Support<br>M = 5.25, SD = 1.55 |
| Sample 2 (N = 2293)<br>New Zealand should accept refugees from low-lying coastal nations that are displaced by climate change.                  | 79% Support<br>M = 5.34, SD = 1.43 |
| <b>Australia</b> (N = 5106)   |                                    |
| Accepting 'climate refugees', which are people who have had to leave their country due to the effects of climate change.                        | 66% Support<br>M = 5.05, SD = 1.71 |

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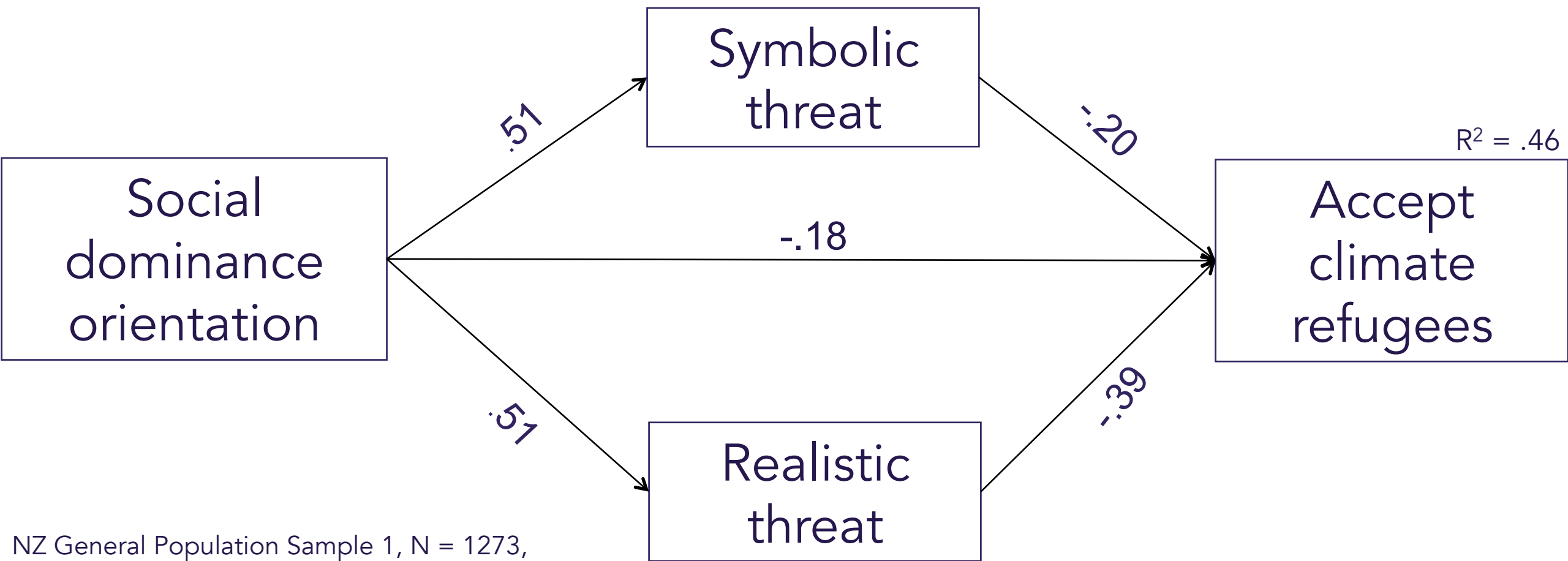


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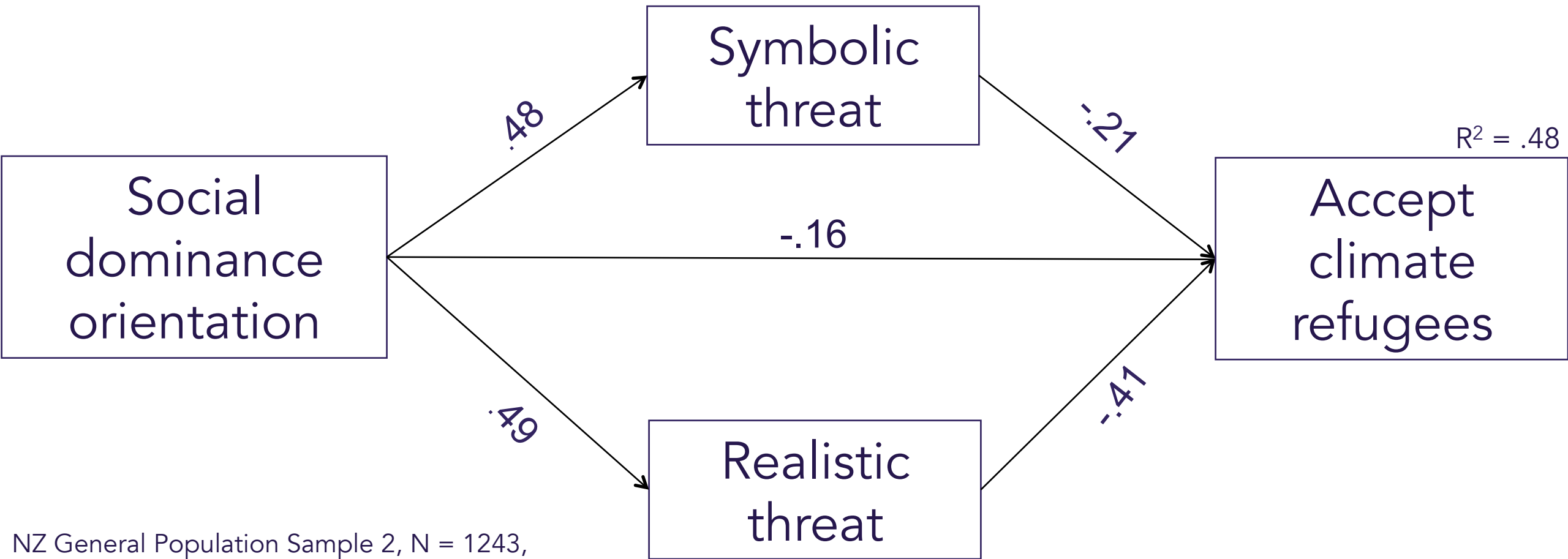
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NZ General Population Sample 1, N = 1273, standardised estimates are shown. All paths significant at  $p < .001$

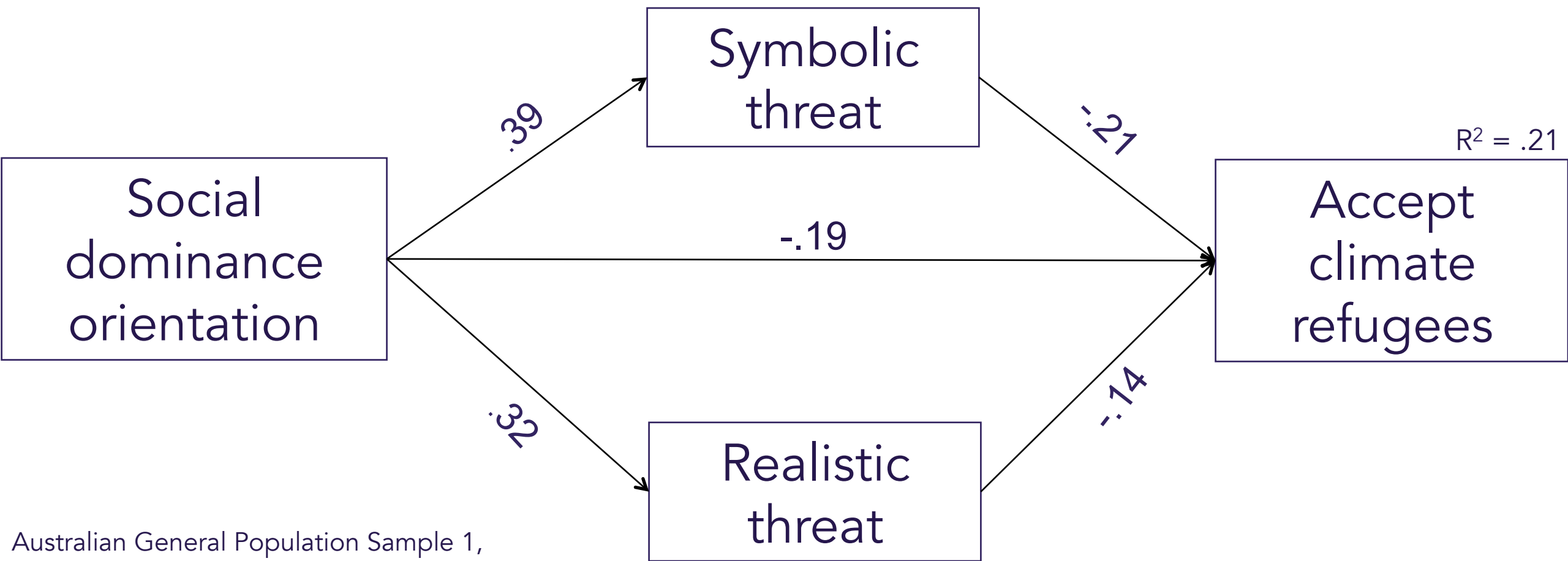


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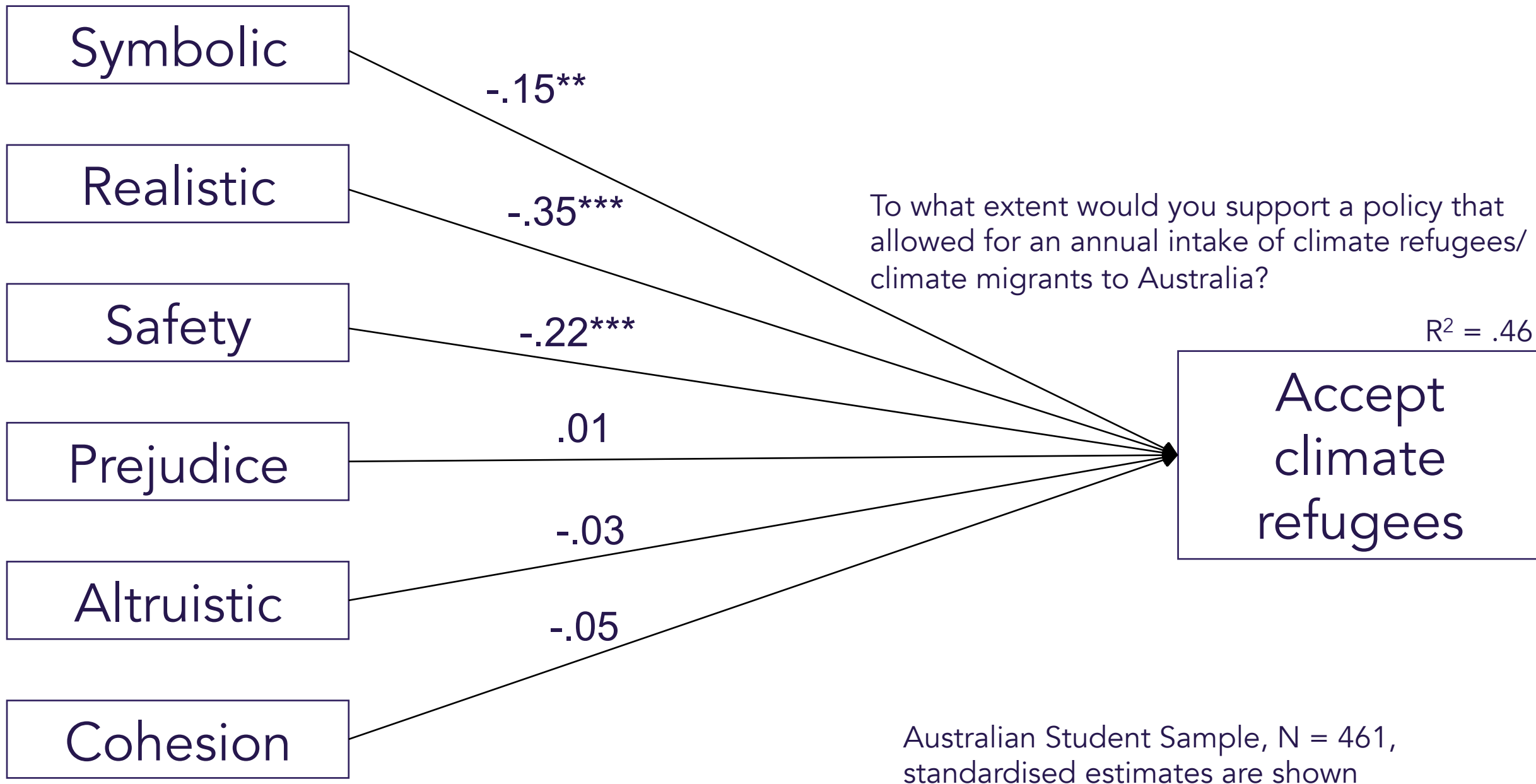


NZ General Population Sample 2, N = 1243,  
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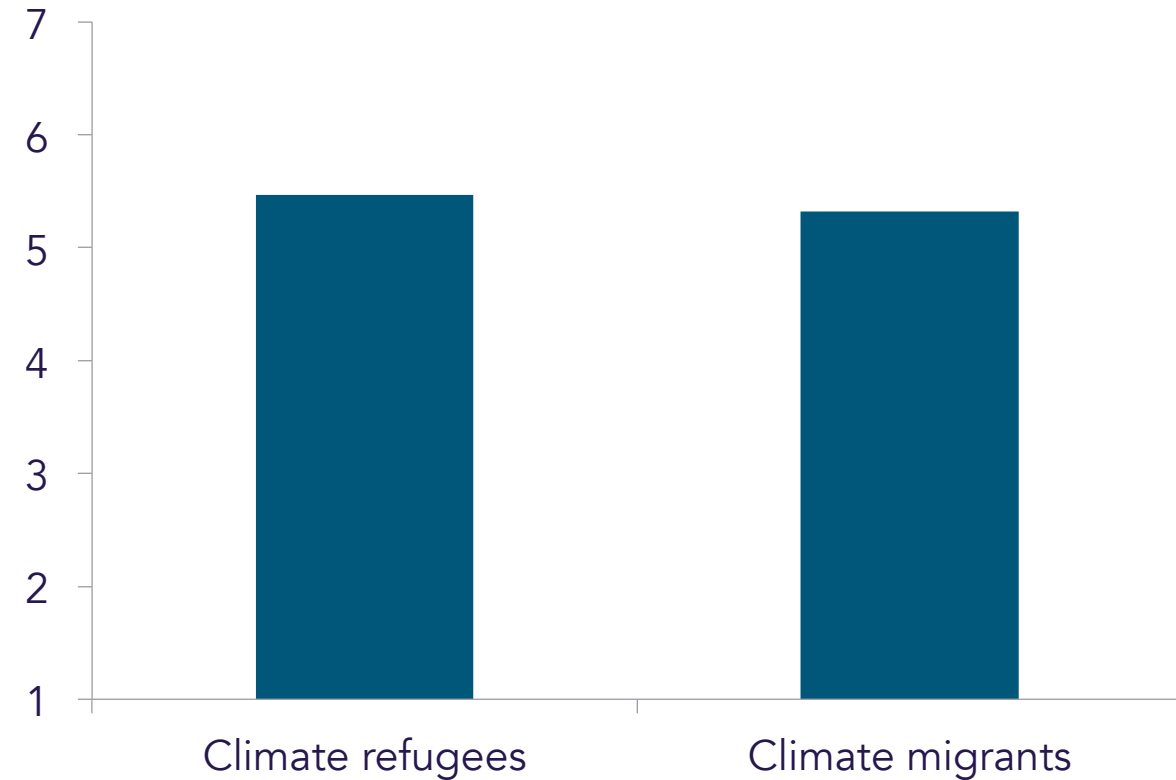


Australian General Population Sample 1,  
N = 1678, standardised estimates are shown. All paths significant at  $p < .001$



# A note on terminology

‘Climate refugee’ versus ‘climate migrant’



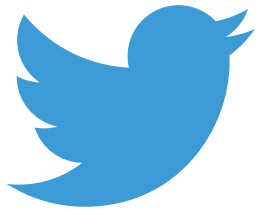
NZ student sample, N = 644, Cohen's  $d = 0.11$ ,  $p = .200$

# Conclusions & future directions

- SDO and threat-based responses tell part of the story
  - Perceived conflict over resources and values may undermine support for climate-driven migration
- Future research is needed to:
  - Follow up experimental and longitudinal work needed to untangle potentially causal links
  - Other factors likely shape support

# Thank you

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