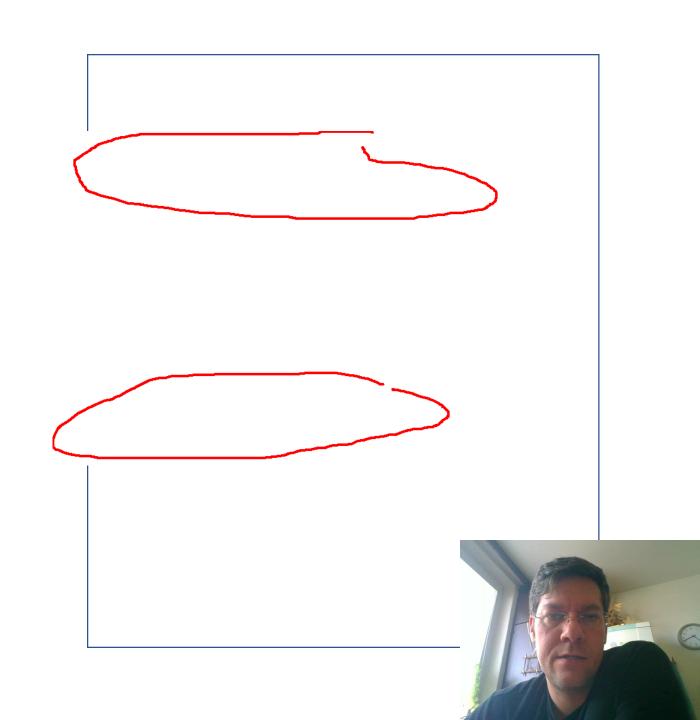


In many cultural contexts, extreme rituals are paradoxically associated with health and healing.

Our findings suggest that within those contexts, they might indeed convey certain psychological benefits.



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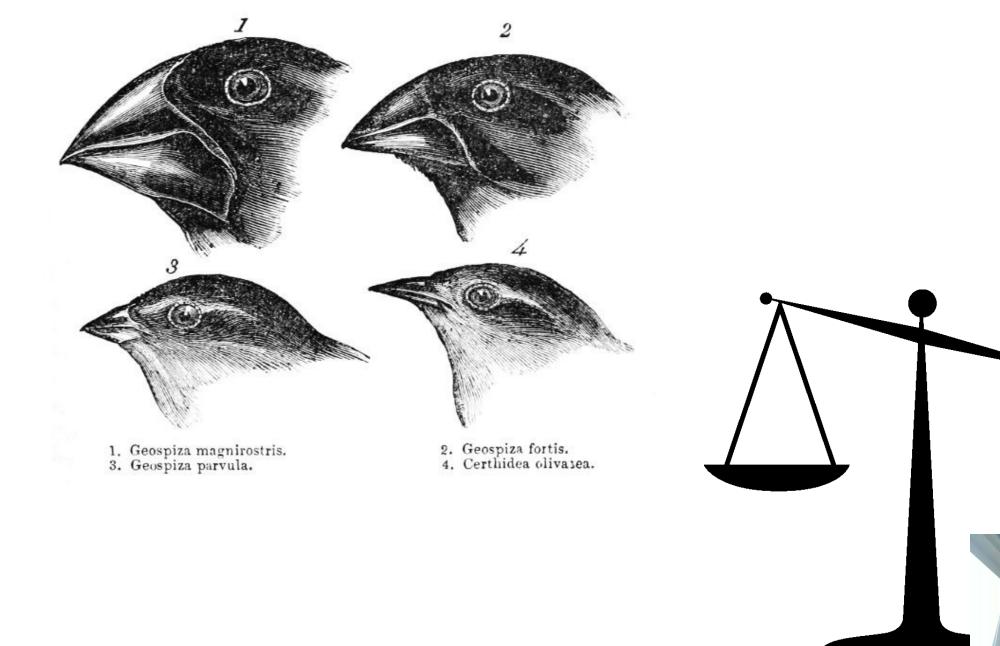


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- facilitated these transitions by providing co-religionists with reliable mechanisms for the communication of cooperative intentions
- helped large groups of unrelated and ethnolinguistically diverse individuals to find one another and to cooperate



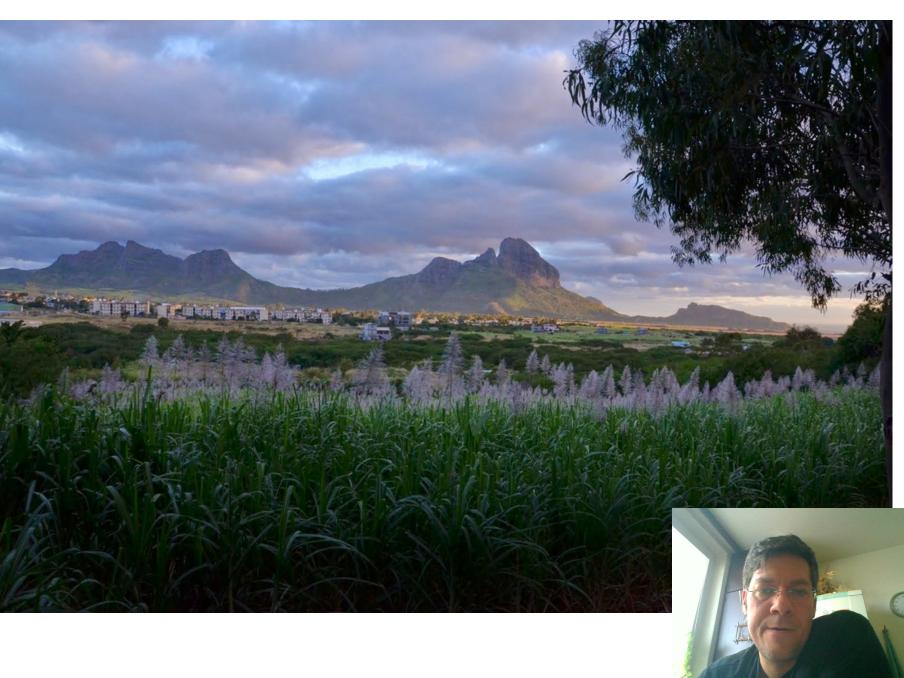
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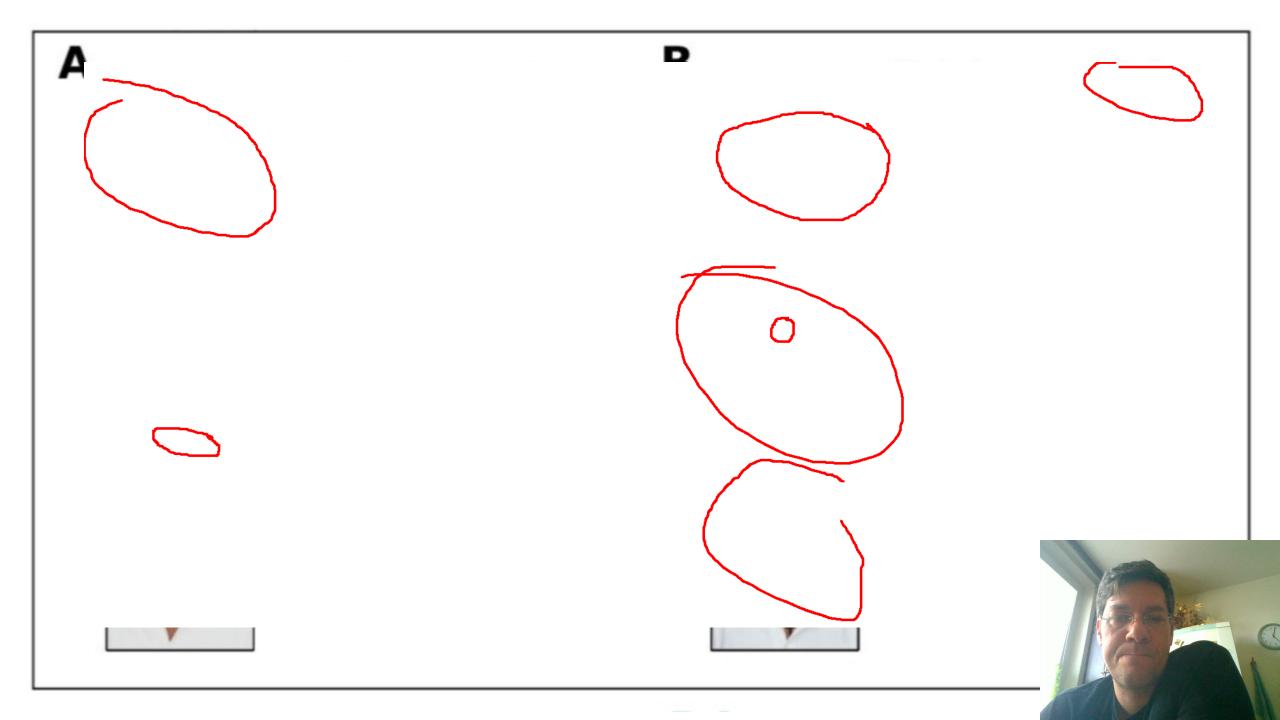
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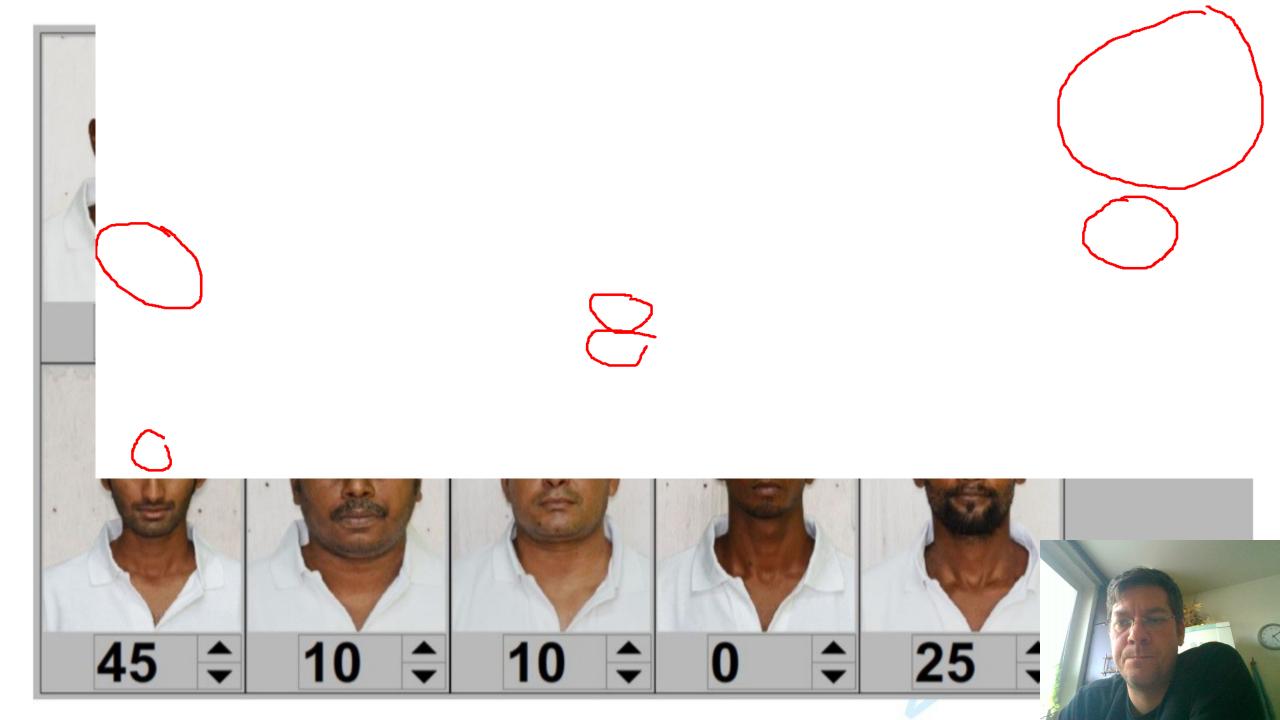


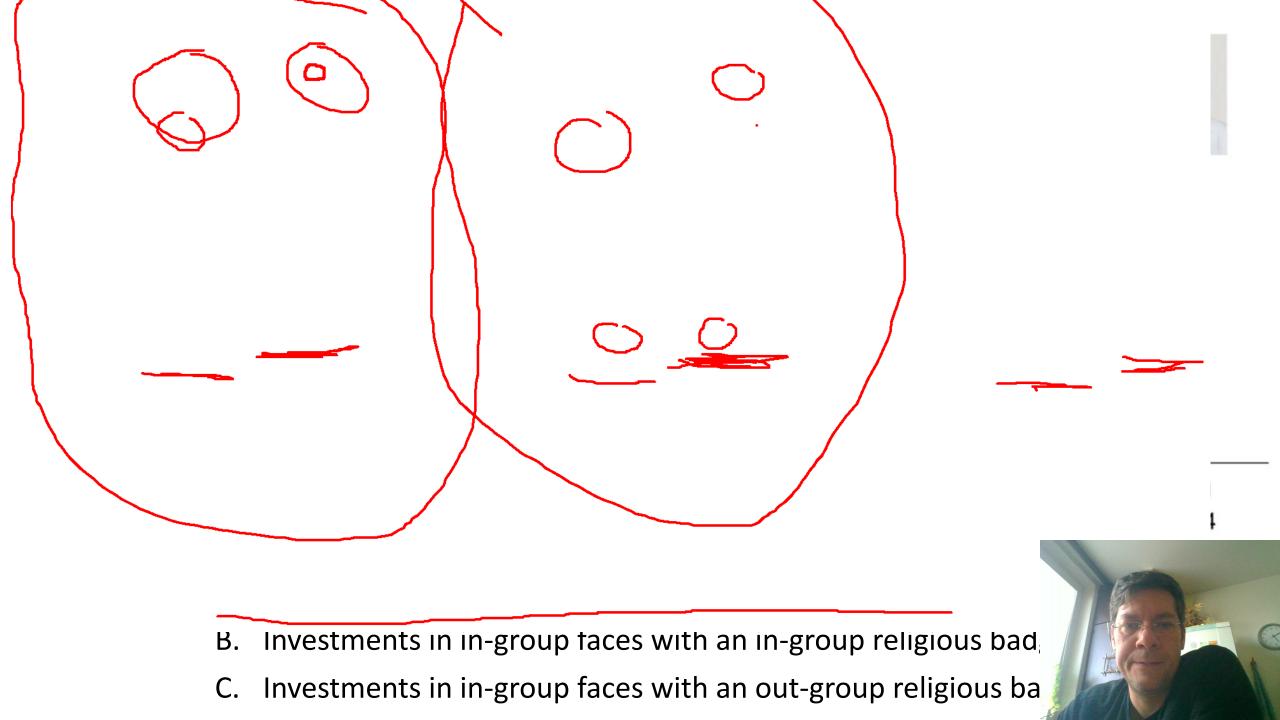
















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