

Some Key Orienting Concepts

Values

Human dignity

Civility

Accounting space

Public order

Common interests

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Lasswell

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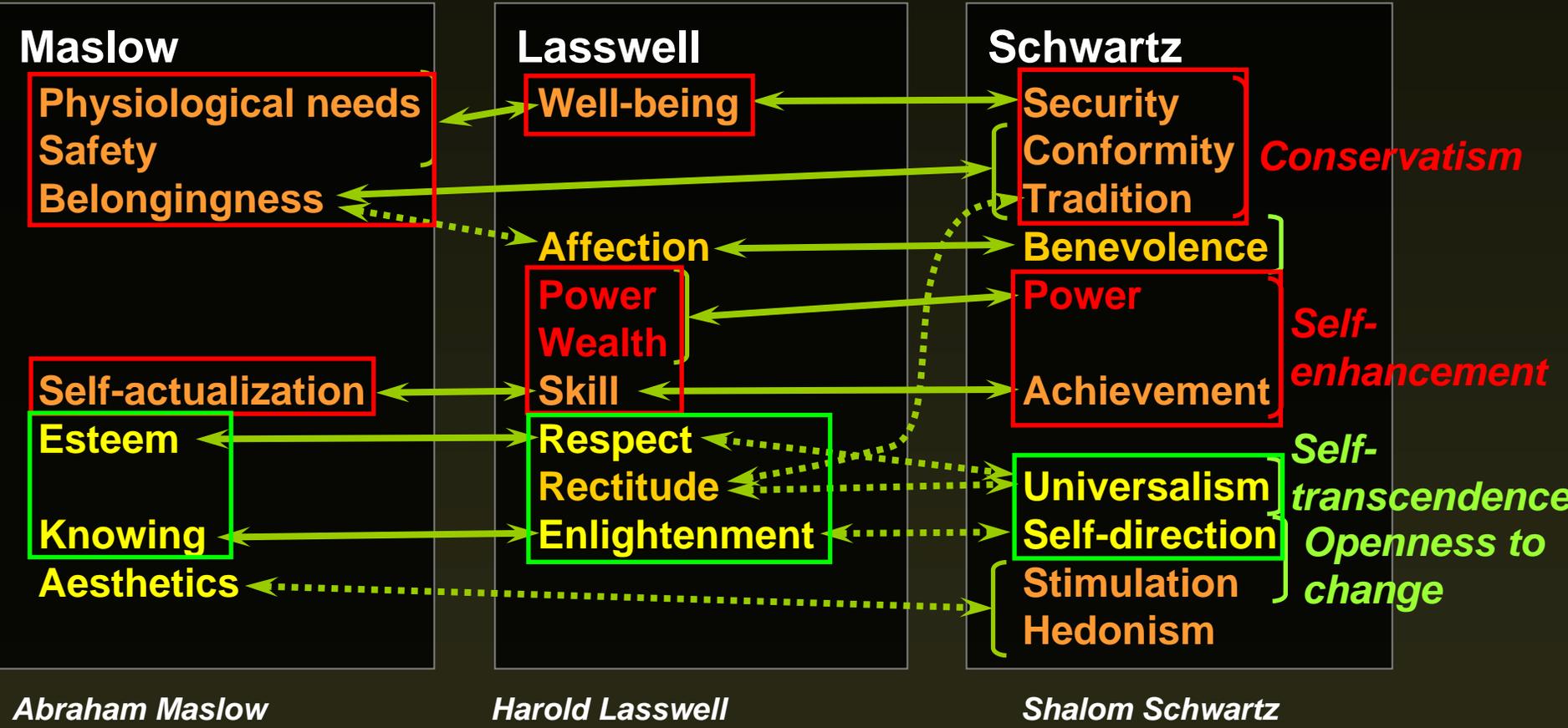
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Conservatism

Self-enhancement

Self-transcendence

Openness to change



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Policy Process

*People seeking **values** “scope” values*
*Through **institutions***
*Using **resources** “base” values*

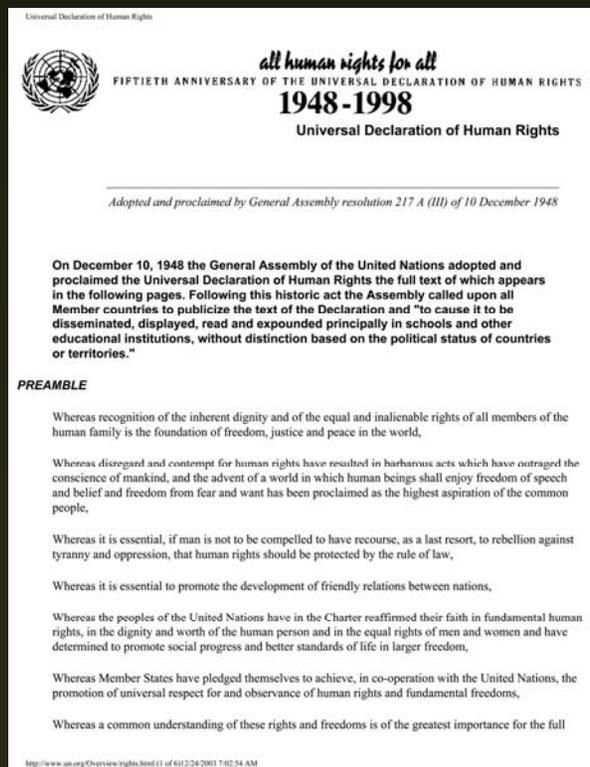
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A Normative Proposition The Fundamental Goal of All Policy Processes

Human dignity

*“The inherent & equal value
of all human beings”*

McDougal et al. (1980)



**Universal Declaration
of Human Rights
United Nations 1948**

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A Normative Proposition

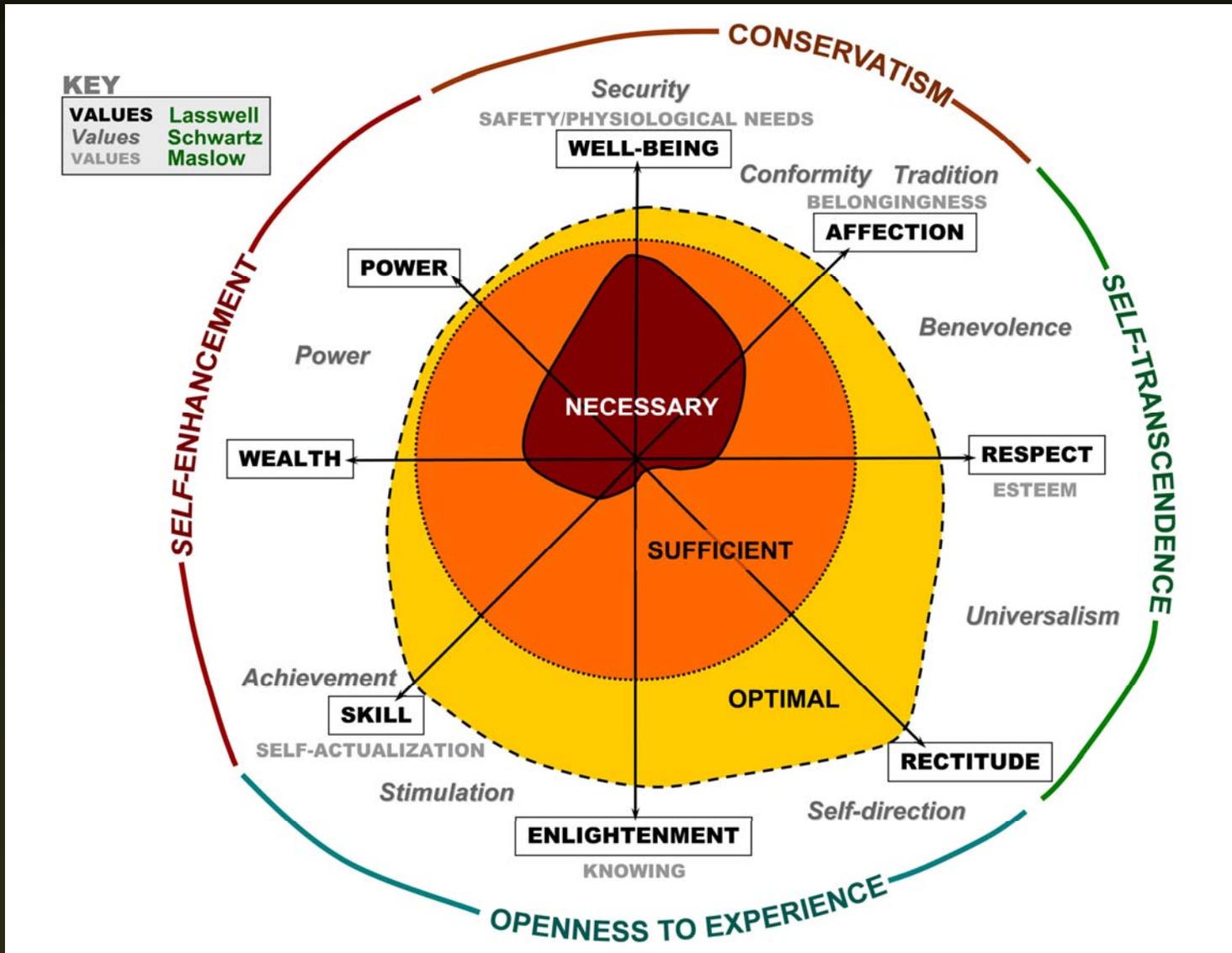
The Fundamental Goal of All Policy Processes

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A commonwealth of human dignity

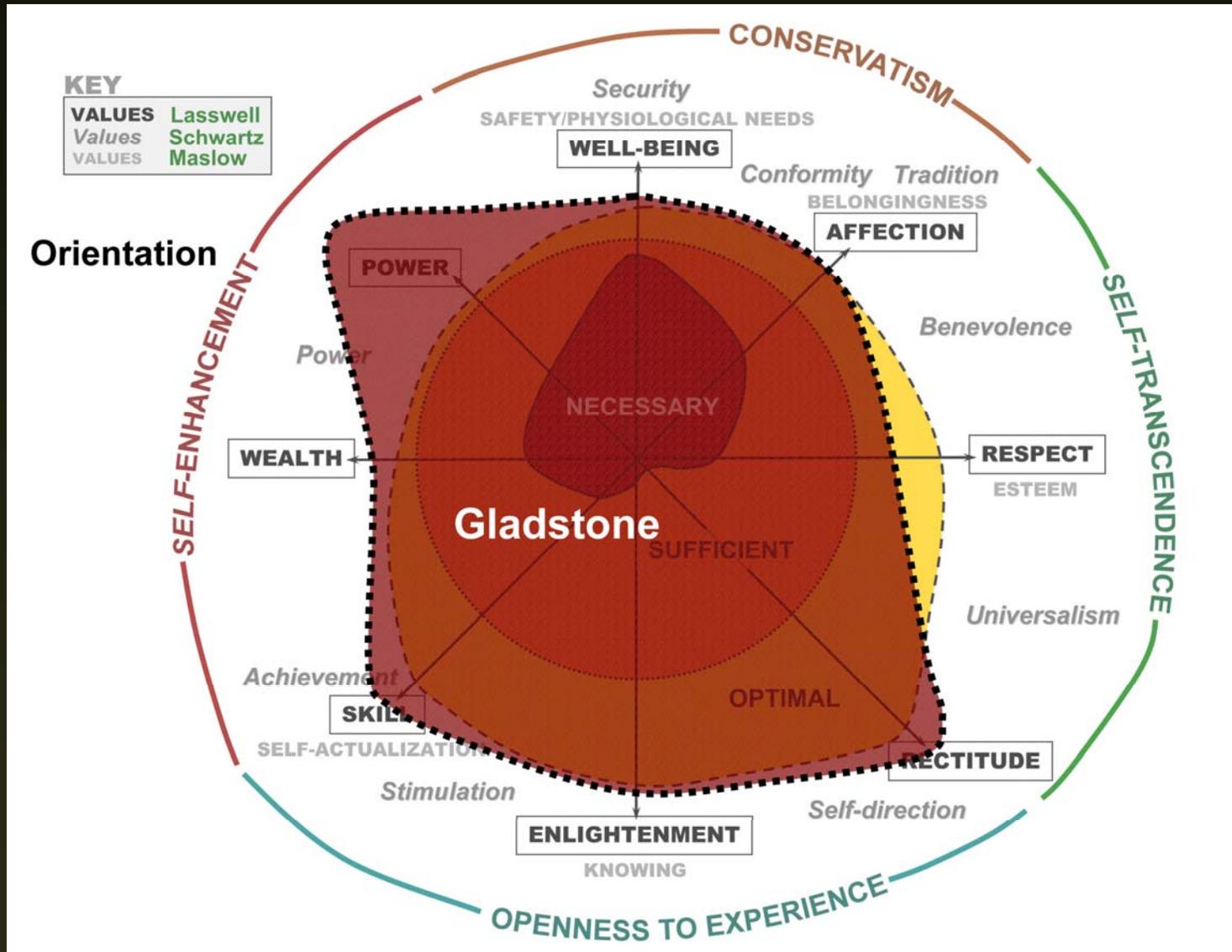
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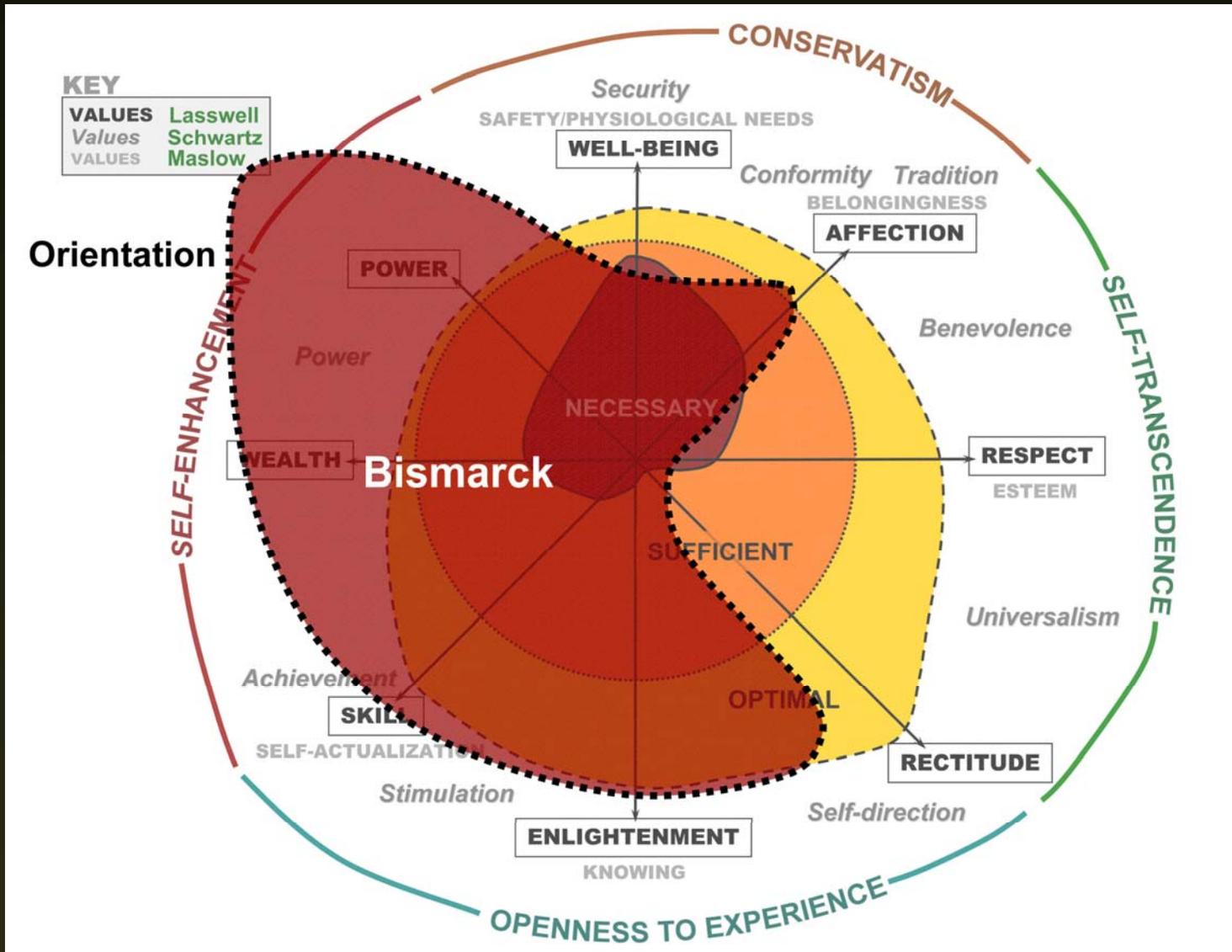
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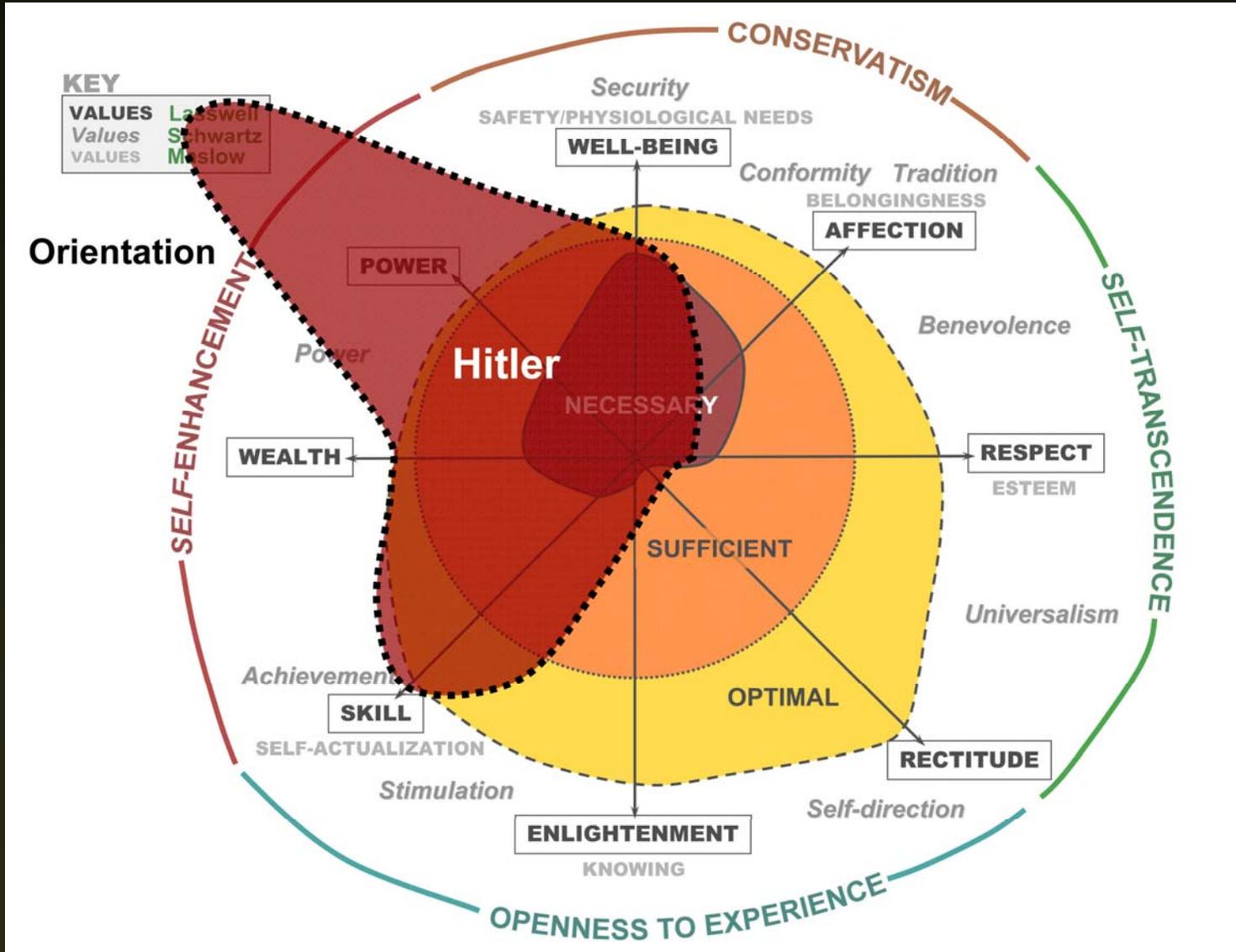
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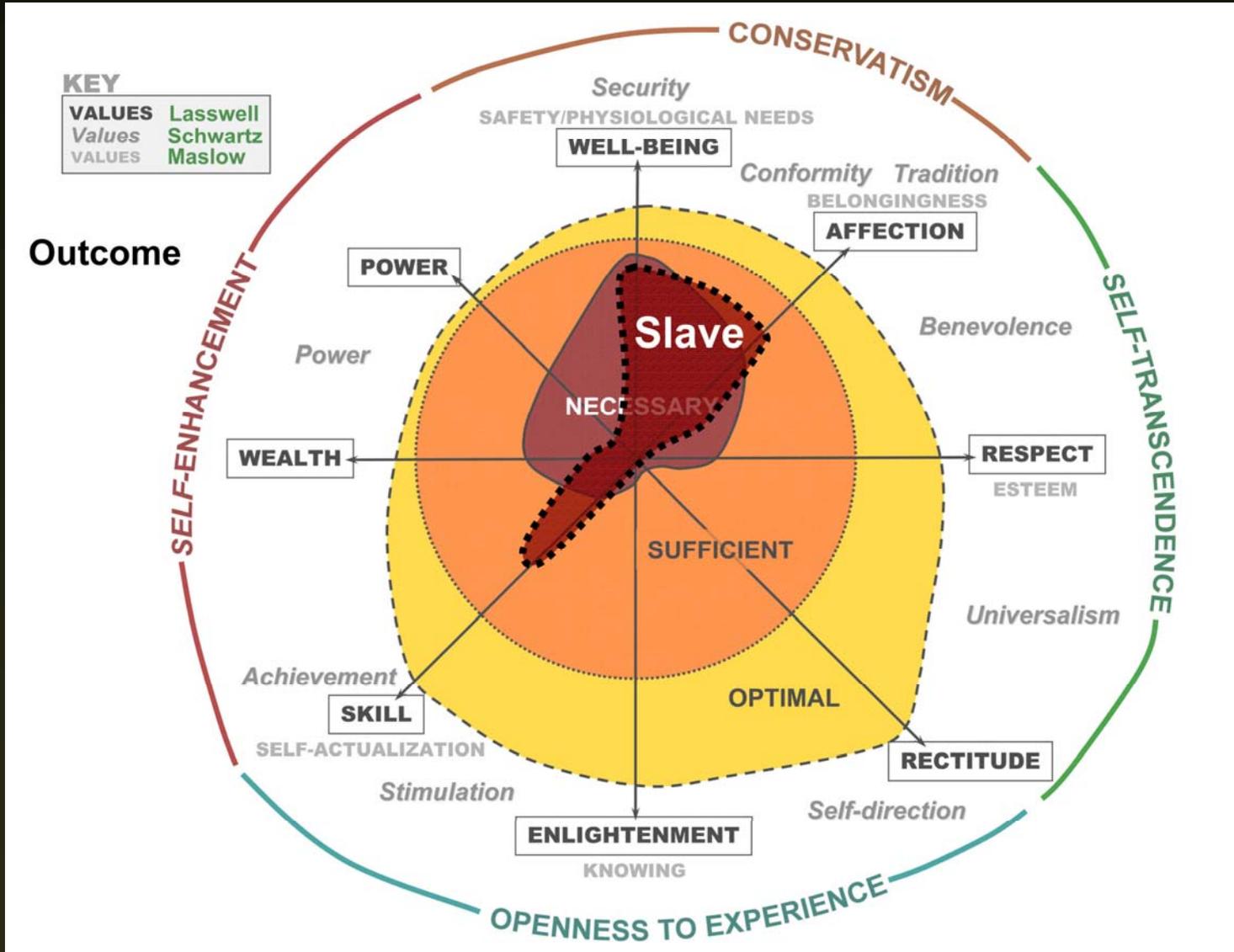
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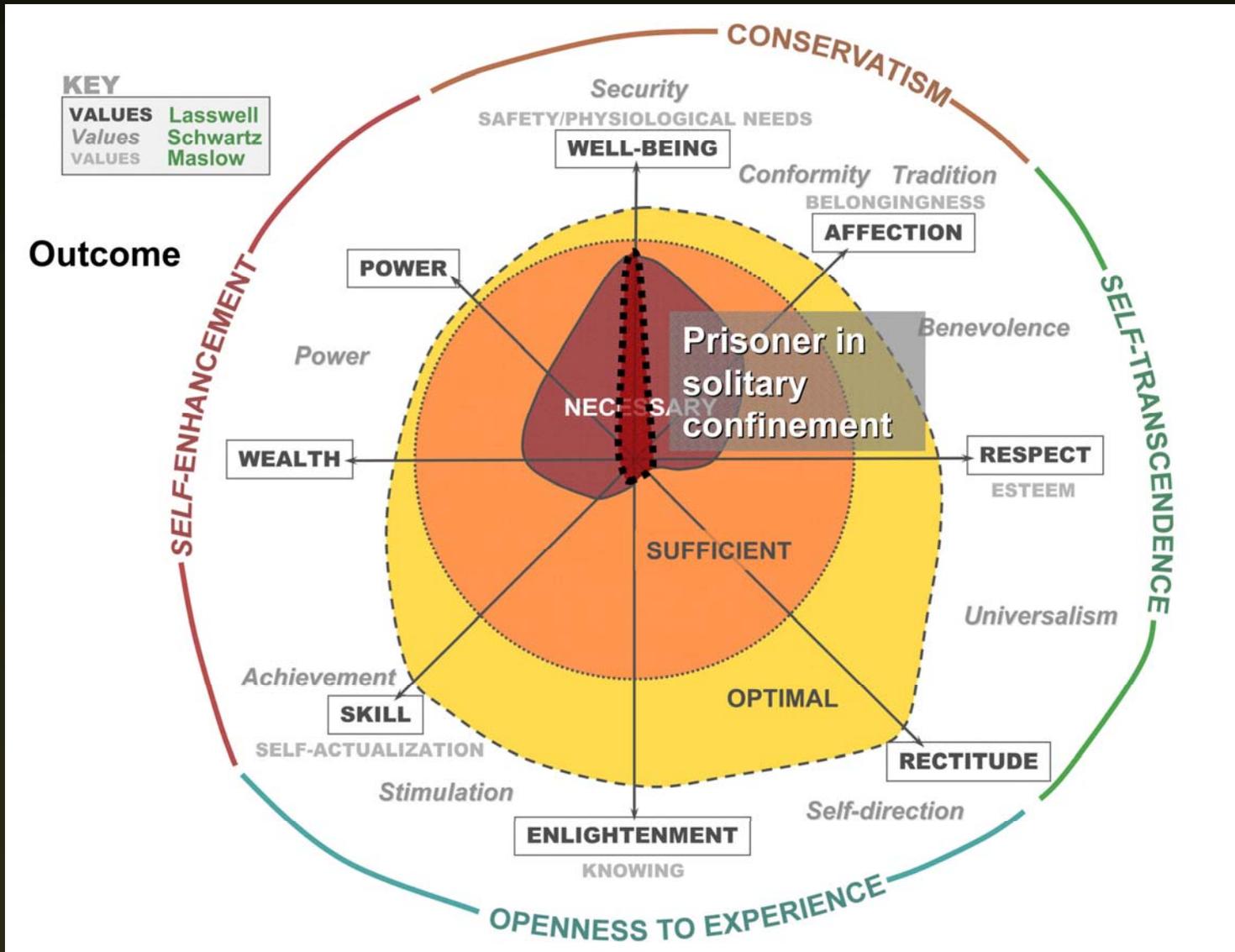
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Civility

*Internalized & expressed norms of **reciprocity**, **accommodation**, & **universalism***

*High levels of **social capital**
& **public trust***

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*Respect for the **dignity** of other members of society embedded in collective self-consciousness*

*Minimization (optimization) of **coercion***

IMPLICITLY

Social capital

Civic virtue embedded in a dense network of reciprocal relations (civic engagement)

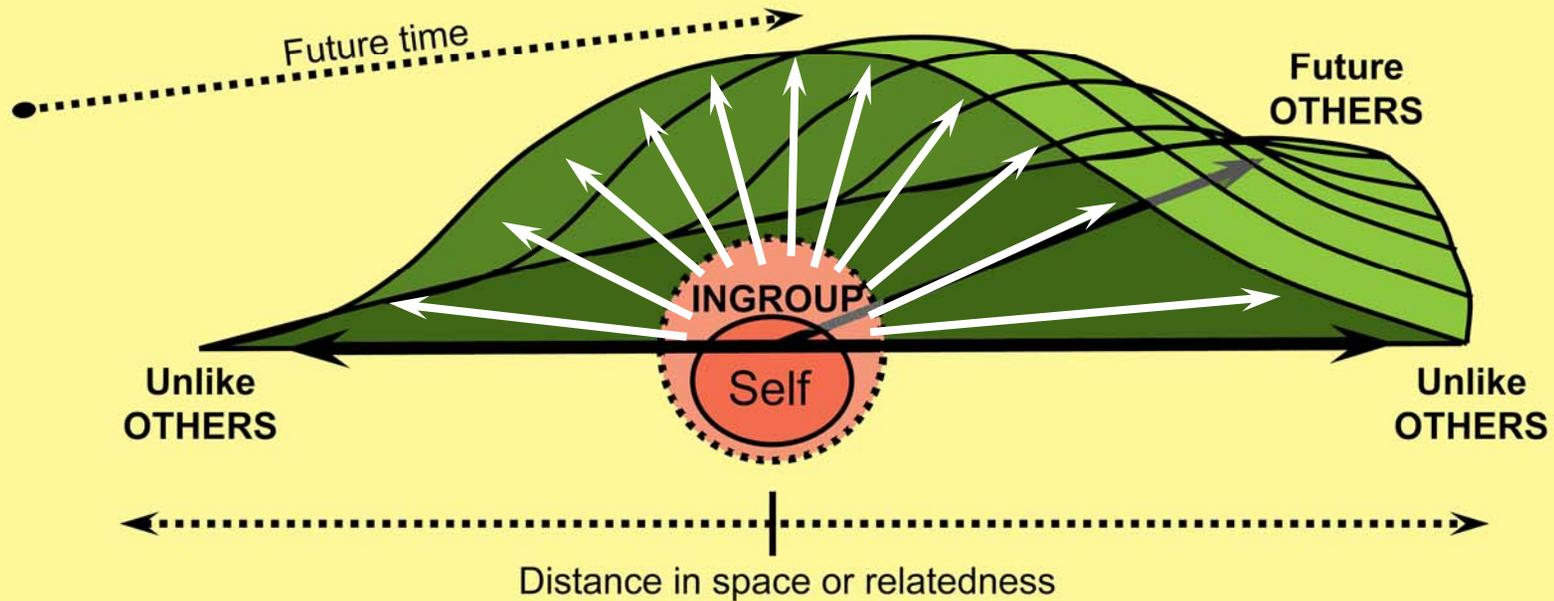
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Accounting space

The domain of time, space, genetic relatedness, and values that governs an individual's decision-making and behaviors.

Broad accounting space

Self-transcendence



➔ Environmental concern <Biospheric altruism>

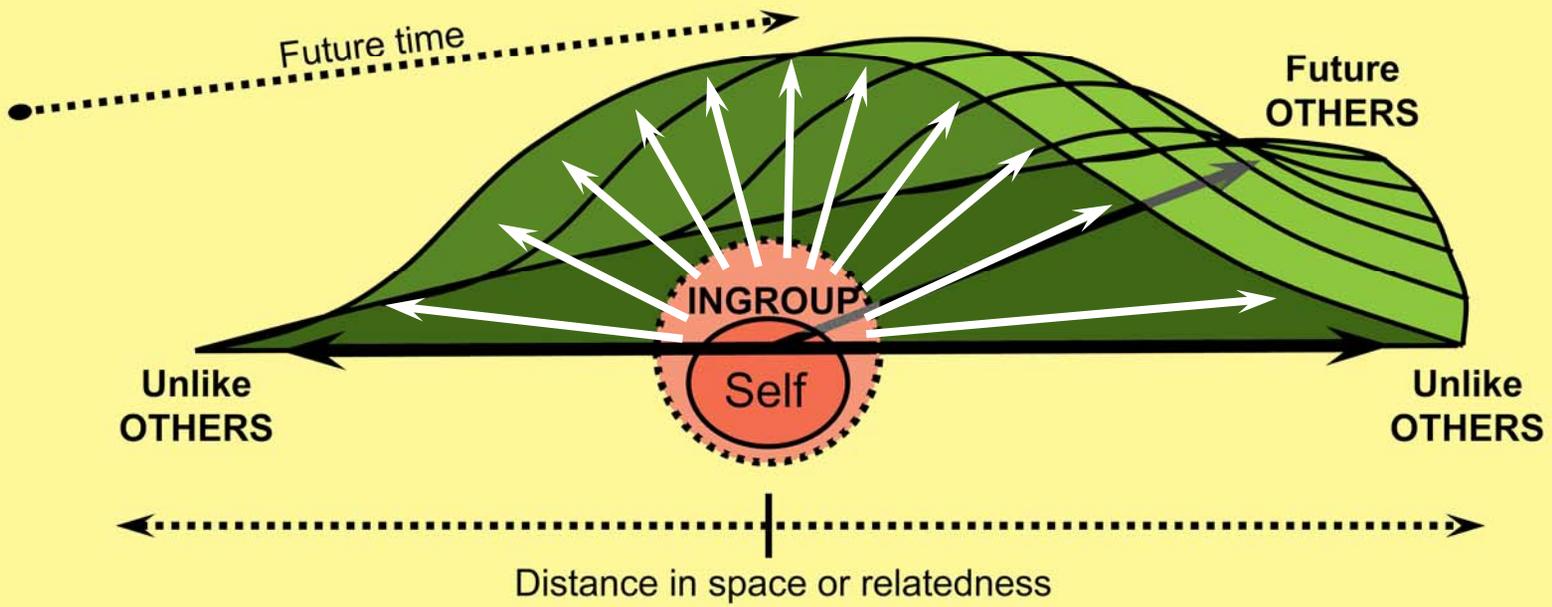
➔ Concern about unlike and unrelated "others" <Humanistic altruism>

➔ Orientation towards respect & universalism <values>

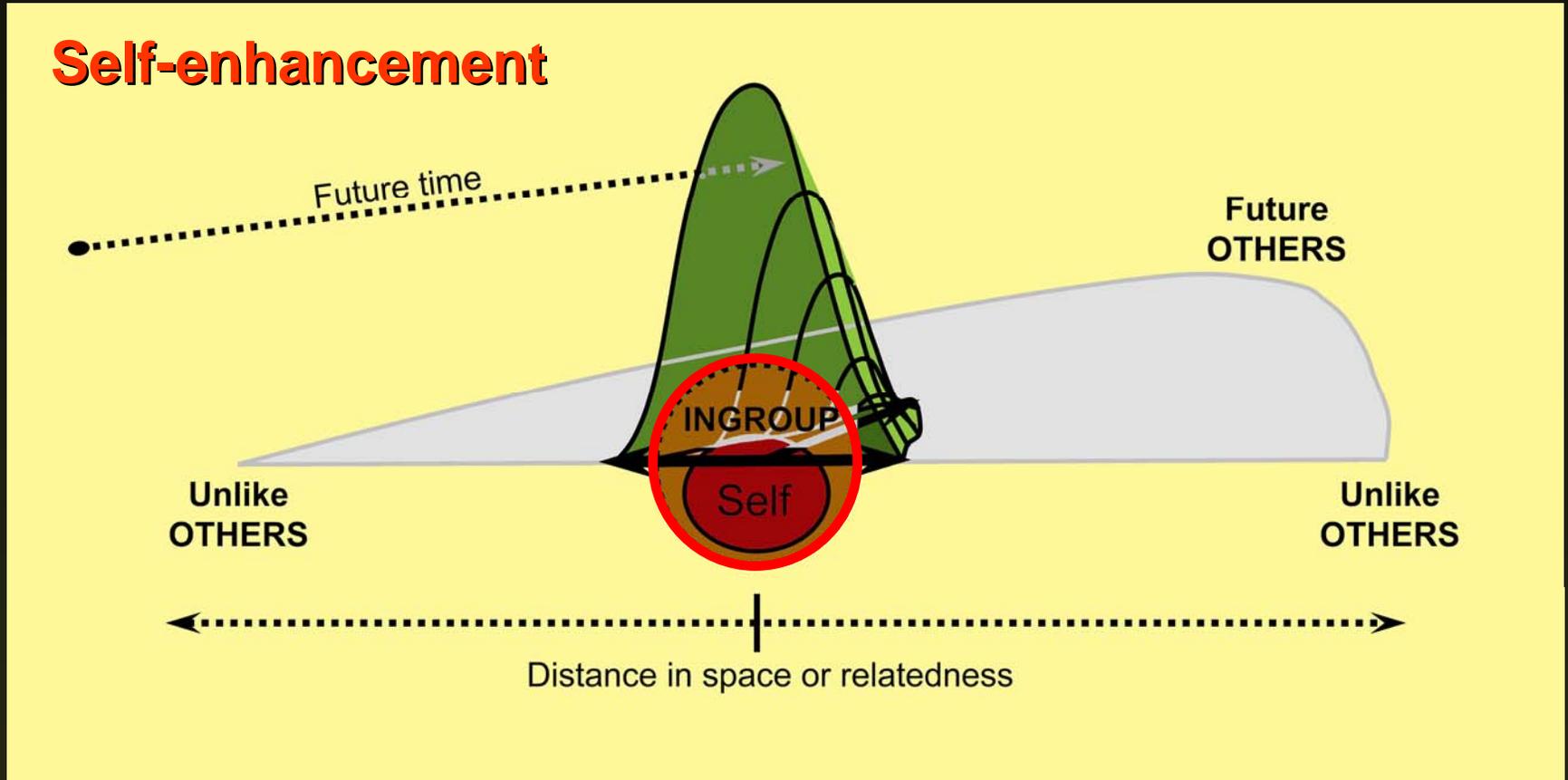
➔ Capacity for empathy and perspective-taking <traits>

➔ Grounded in openness to experience <trait>

Self-transcendence



Narrow accounting space



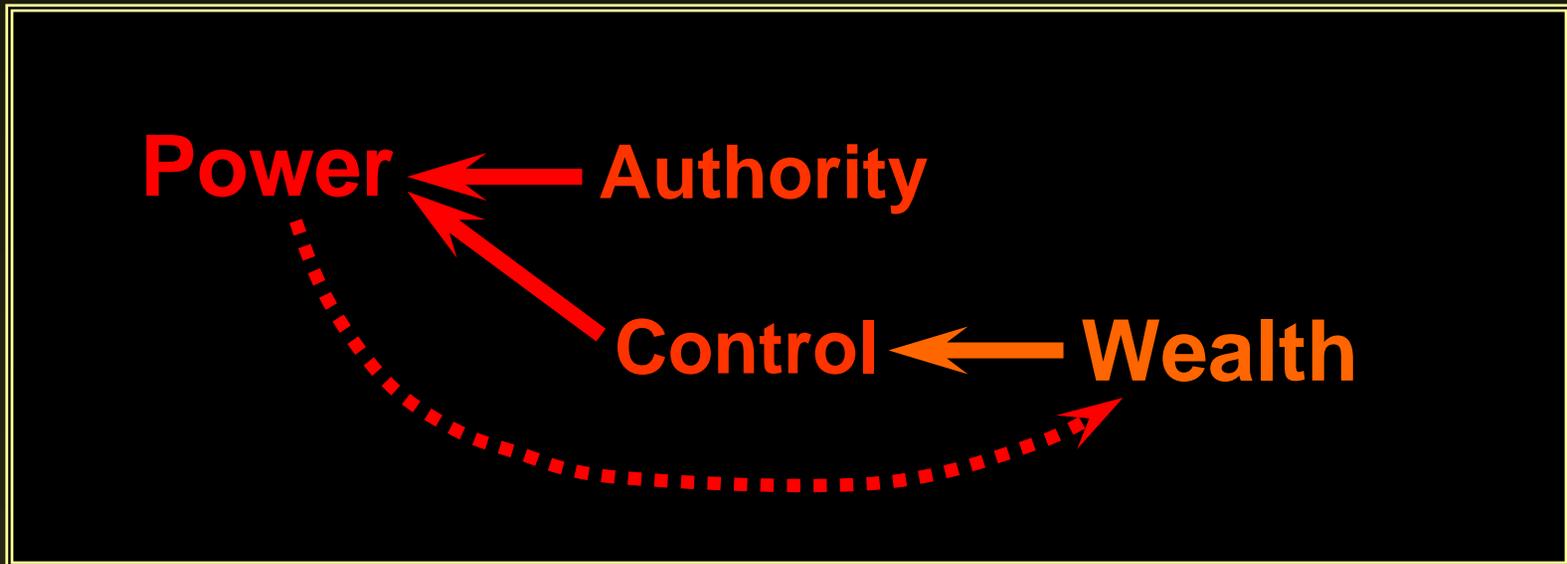
➔ Concern about **self** <Egoism>
and/or Strong identification with **narrow ingroup**

➔ Orientation towards **power, security, tradition & conformity**
Orientation towards **social dominance & right-wing authoritarianism**
Grounded in **ill-managed** or **heightened existential anxieties**

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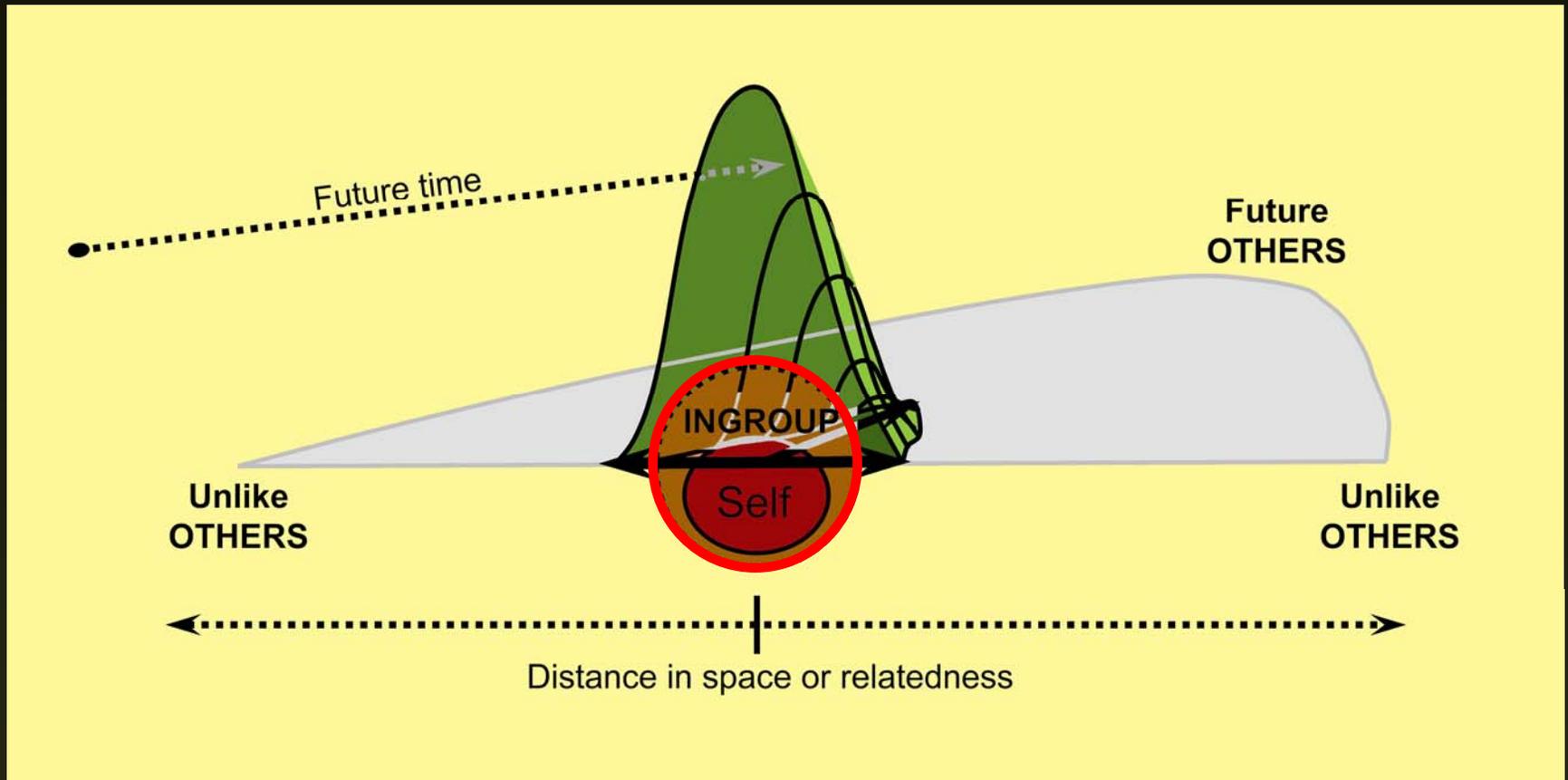
The problem of **power** & **wealth**

The incestuous relation of power & wealth



Power is unique among values by intrinsically imposing deprivations on others

Narrow accounting space



POWER (as a scope value)
Self-enhancement
at the expense of others

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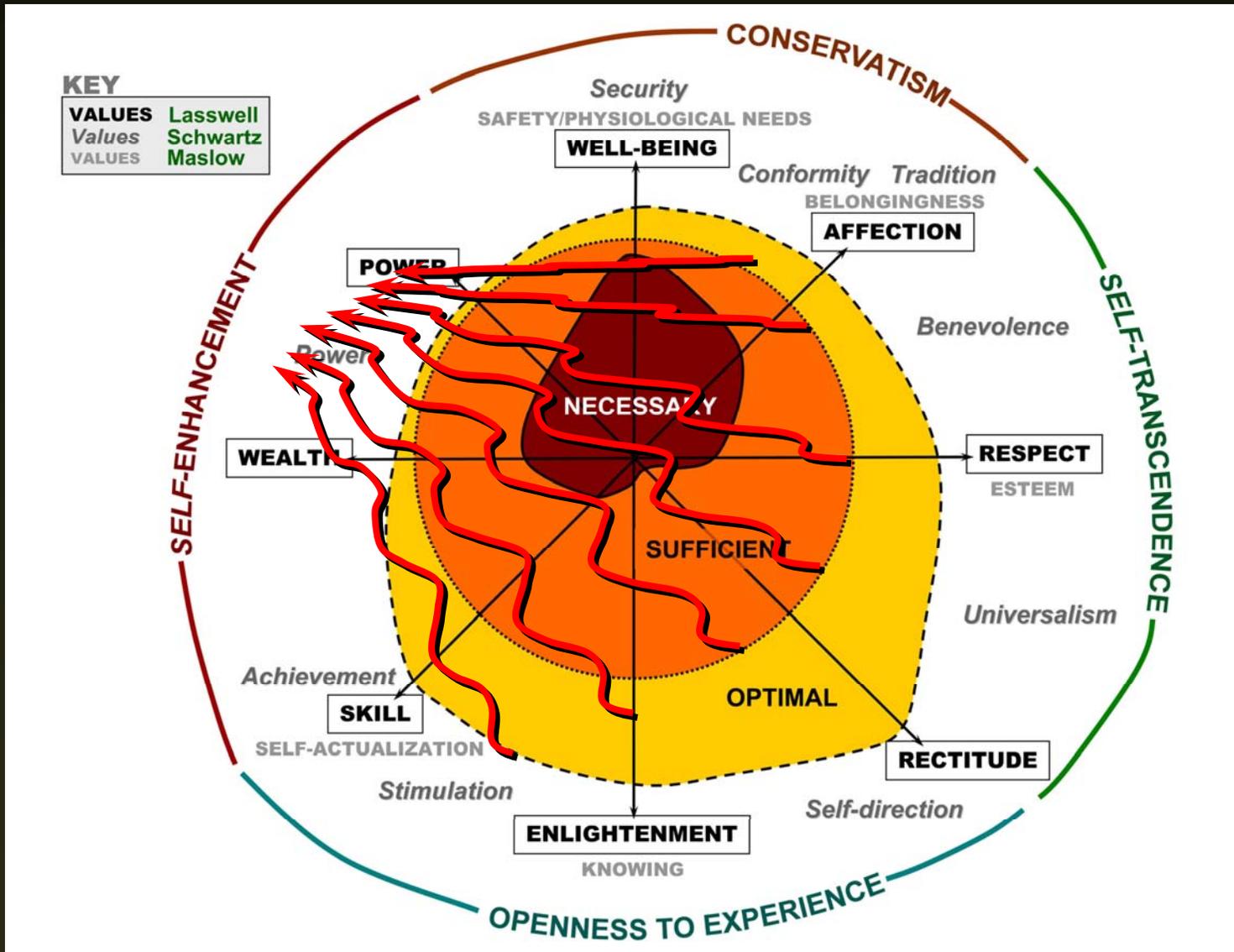
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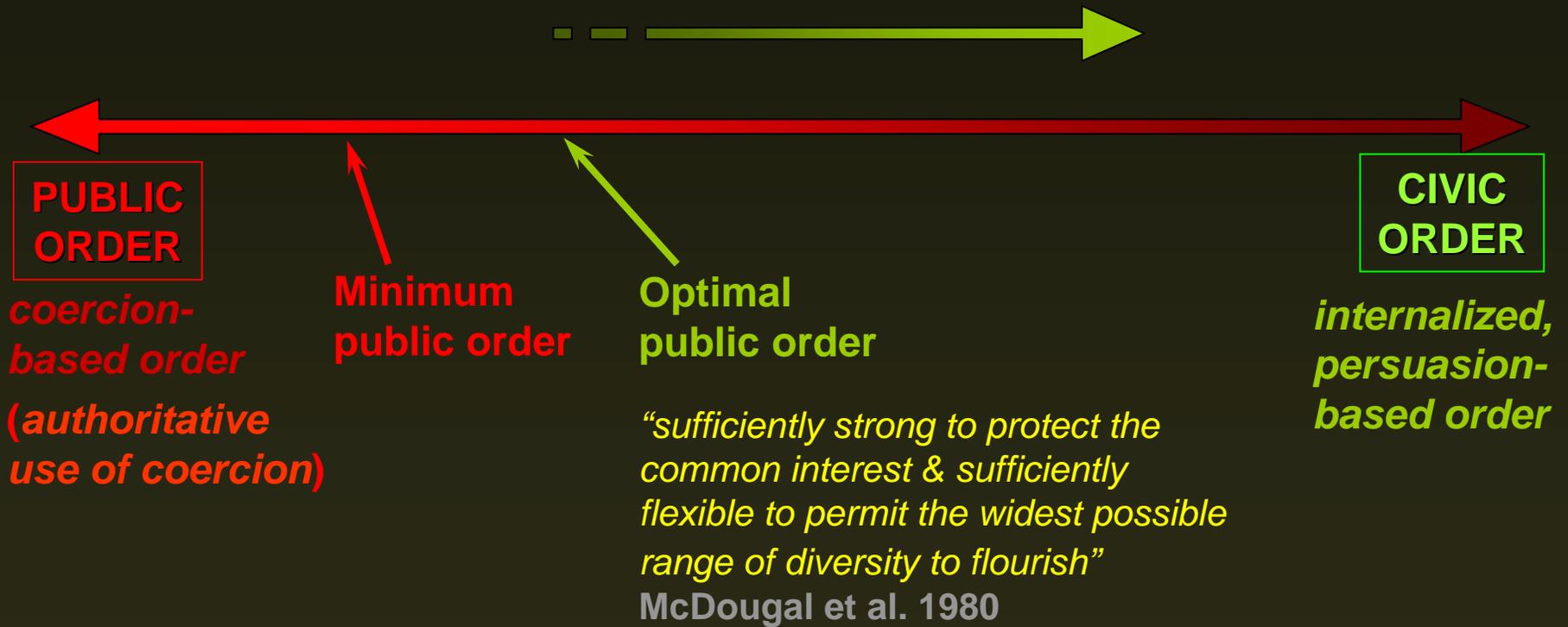
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The enduring challenge is for individuals and institutions to countervail against this tendency.

But, there is a constructive place for **power → **coercion**...**

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Common versus Special Interests

Interest

*A **demand** for **values** made by a person or group expecting that the demand will be **advantageous***

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So...what is a Common interest

(as an expression of the policy process)?

Procedural test

Inclusive & open to broad participation

Involving all interests directly or through representatives

Substantive test

Meets the valid expectations of participants

Warranted by the evidence available to inquiry

Evinces reciprocal tolerance & mutual accommodation

Pragmatic test

In application, it fulfills the expectations of those who participate

In application, it solves “the problem”

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So...what is a **Common interest**

(as an expression of the policy process)?

**“...provisional and clarified in
context as a working approximation”**

Brunner (2004)

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Subset types of interests

Valid interest

vs.

Assumed interest

Component expectations are warranted by the evidence available to inquiry

Expectations are not warranted

Principled interest

vs.

Expedient interest

Compatible with comprehensive goals

Instrumental in maintaining the structure & function of the entity (e.g., agency) making the demand

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Doctrine and formula

