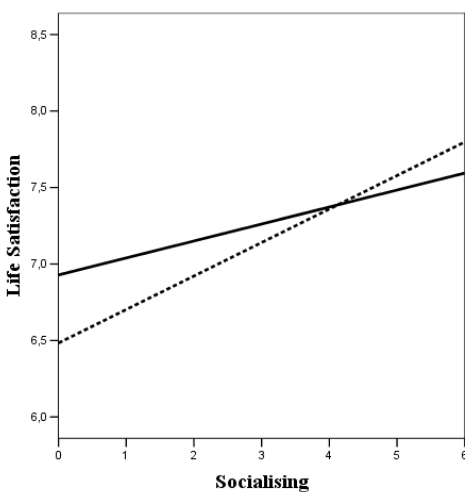


All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole these days?



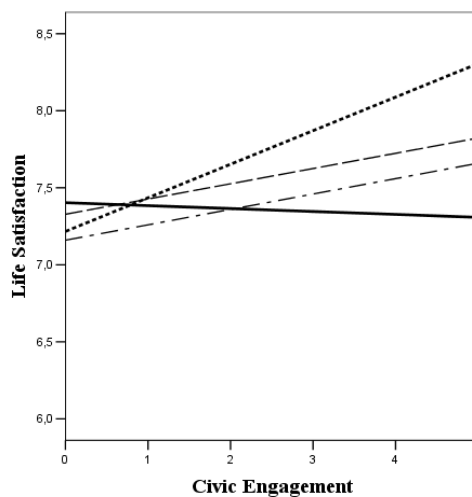
- Previous research on subjective well-being (i.e. happiness and life satisfaction) has identified numerous determinants of higher life satisfaction. For example:
 - Good health
 - Very young or very old age
 - Income (especially relative income, decreasing marginal utility)
 - Marriage
 - Having a job
 - **Social Capital (networks, interpersonal trust, civic engagement)**
- But I argue that sociological theory gives reasons to assume that social capital is correlated with life satisfaction *in different ways* for certain societal groups.
- Some examples from my PhD: Social capital and life satisfaction by...

gender



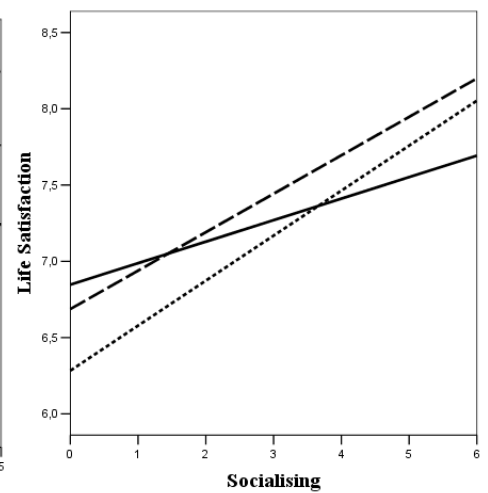
Women = - - -
Men = —

gender and parental status



Childless women =
Childless men = - - - -
Mothers = ———
Fathers = - . - .

age



Young =
Mid-age = ———
Old = - - - -

- **The social context of well-being varies between subgroups of society. E.g.:**
- **Socialising more strongly correlated with life satisfaction among women.**
 - **For mothers, civic engagement is not associated with higher well-being.**

Data: European Social Survey 2006, UK (N = 2394)