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The Benefits of Viewing Interests as Developped, Not Fixed

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People hold different beliefs about the nature of interest. Some lean toward the view that interests are inherent and relatively unchangeable. Others see interests as more developed. In laboratory studies, we found that a growth theory leads those with strong interests in one academic area to express greater interest in a new or different area, and to maintain a new-found interest when pursuing it became difficult. This openness and pursuit of new interests suggests that a growth theory might predispose people to see connections among disciplines. Indeed, additional lab experiments showed that a growth theory led to a stronger tendency to effectively integrate the arts and sciences. As the world continues to globalize, we will need interdisciplinary approaches to solve new and old problems. Cultivating a growth theory of interest might spark that process.

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