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Introduction

I constructed a personality profile of Florida governor Ron DeSantis, a contender for the Republican nomination in the 2024 U.S. presidential election.

Method

The assessment instrument was the 170-item Millon Inventory of Diagnostic Criteria (MIDC; Immelman, 2015), which assesses the attribute domains of expressive behavior, interpersonal conduct, cognitive style, mood/temperament, and self-image. The instrument contains 12 scales, yielding 20 normal and 14 pathological personality styles.

Political Personality Type

High-dominance introvert

Primary patterns: Dominant/controlling

Ambitious/confident

Secondary patterns: Retiring/reserved

Contentious/resolute

Subsidiary pattern: Conscientious/respectful

Projected Leadership Style

Expansionistic incrementalist

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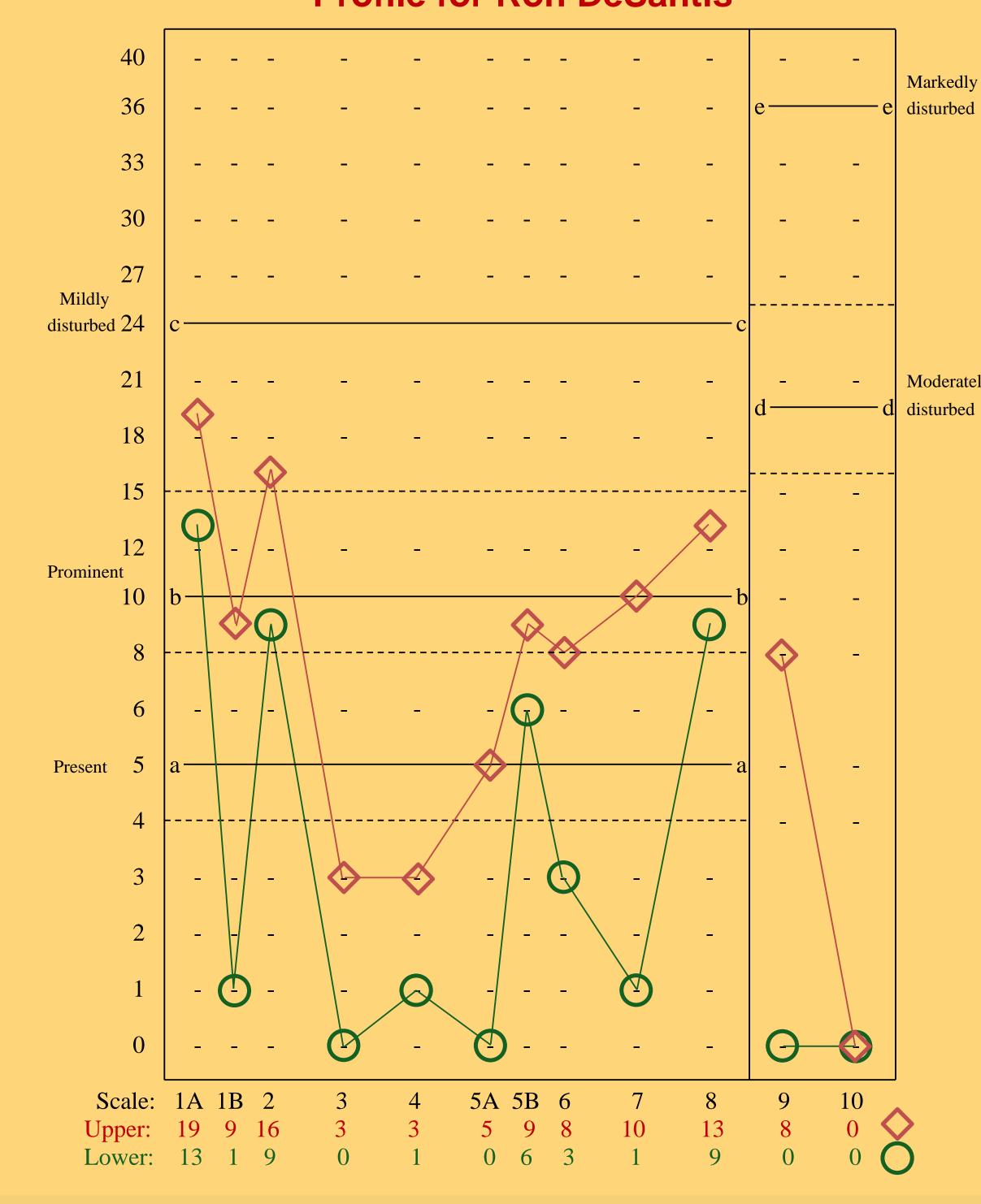
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Millon Inventory of Diagnostic Criteria Profile for Ron DeSantis



Results

21%

Ron DeSantis's

Basic Personality Patterns

30%

Dominant

Ambitious

Retiring

Other

■ Contentious

Conscientious

7%

7%

21%

14%

Table 1
MIDC Item Endorsement Rate by Attribute Domain

	Diagnostic criteria (Items)		
Attribute domain	Present	Possible	
Expressive behavior	13	24	
Interpersonal conduct	6	14	
Cognitive style	1	3	
Mood/temperament	2	8	
Self-image	3	6	
Sum	25	55	
Mean	5.0	11.0	
Standard deviation	4.3	7.4	

Table 2
MIDC Scale Scores for Ron DeSantis

Scale	Personality pattern	Lower	Upper
1A	Dominant: Asserting–Controlling–Aggressive (Sadistic)	13	19
1B	Dauntless: Adventurous-Dissenting-Aggrandizing (Antisocial)	1	9
2	Ambitious: Confident–Self-serving–Exploitative (Narcissistic)	9	16
3	Outgoing: Congenial–Gregarious–Impulsive (Histrionic)	0	3
4	Accommodating: Cooperative–Agreeable–Submissive (Dependent)	1	3
5A	Aggrieved: Unpresuming–Self-denying–Self-defeating (Masochistic)	0	5
5B	Contentious: Resolute-Oppositional-Negativistic (Passive-aggressive)	6	9
6	Conscientious: Respectful-Dutiful-Compulsive (Obsessive-compulsive)	3	8
7	Reticent: Circumspect-Inhibited-Withdrawn (Avoidant)	1	10
8	Retiring: Reserved–Aloof–Solitary (Schizoid)	9	13
	Subtotal for basic personality scales	43	95
9	Distrusting: Suspicious–Paranoid (Paranoid)	0	8
0	Erratic: Unstable-Borderline (Borderline)	0	0
	Full-scale total	43	103

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