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There are three main versions of the SASB model, all based on the same three dimensions: 1. Focus (interpersonal other; interpersonal self; introject: other focus turned inward). Focus is identified by spatial location or by font in the various versions. 2. The horizontal axis: Love – Hate. 3. The vertical axis: Enmeshment (Control/Submit) – Differentiation (Emancipate/ Separate)

Here are the essential distinctions between models: The full model has 36 points on each of its 3 surfaces; the two word cluster or octant model has 8 points on each of its 3 surfaces distinguished by spatial placement; the simplified one word cluster model has 8 points on each of its 3 surfaces distinguished by font.

Lorna Smith Benjamin is the author of all three versions. Many others have made minor modifications (e.g., add labels for the axes: affiliation / interdependence; change the diamond shape to a circle; put the one word cluster model into the geometry of the two word cluster model), sometimes without authorization or acknowledgment of the original source and author.

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