

Technique information

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CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL BELIEFS

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The purpose of this questionnaire is to ask your opinions about some aspects of today's society. Please read the following statements and rate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each by marking the corresponding square on the answer sheet. Do not mark on this booklet. On the answer sheet the numbers correspond to your reaction to each statement, according to this scale:

1. strongly disagree strongly agree

Read each statement and note your opinion by marking one square (1—5) on the answer sheet. The choice of square 3 means that you neither agree or disagree regarding that issue.

Please answer all the questions, indicating simply what you think. There are no right or wrong answers — answer quickly, giving your first impressions.

CSB SCALE

1. It is best to control your feelings and to avoid any extreme display of emotion.
2. Freedom from moral restrictions feels good, but it leaves a feeling of emptiness.
3. We should choose our own responsibilities, and not be directed by others.
4. The educational system should provide society with the professionals and technologists needed to solve the needs and urgent problems of today's world.
5. No political party should refuse to participate in the game of peaceful competition for power.
6. Motivation and enjoyment, rather than effort, are the true origins of learning.
7. Existing cultures should be discarded, rather than preserved.
8. Governments should facilitate the efforts of political subcultures and local organizations to accomplish the special projects they want.
9. I feel, therefore I am.
10. Professors are no more adequate than the computerized memory networks they employ to transmit the accumulated knowledge.
11. The older we get, the more we fear growing old.
12. In today's world, different styles of life and thought should coexist.
13. We live for ourselves (with neither tradition nor concern for the coming generations).
14. Concern for oneself must come before relations with others.
15. Although politics seems like theater, the democratic drama is both necessary and important.
16. Societies are collections of independent individuals.
17. I am never satisfied until I get what I want.
18. The transfer of knowledge should follow the same rules as monetary exchange.
19. Fashions in dress should be bold and carefree. All styles should be permitted.
20. Above all, society needs experts and technologists.
21. A society should provide for its citizens all possible styles of life.
22. Humans are not complete masters of their own motives and goals, because of hidden forces that intervene.
23. I like to be flattered.
24. Knowledge should be produced to be sold, used and consumed.
25. I like to look at my body.
26. The knowledge of the future will be in data banks which exceed the memory capacity of each user.
27. Historical continuity doesn't exist, we live only in the present.
28. In one's personal relations, it is best to be independent and unemotional, and to avoid major compromises.
29. Schools and colleges should above all make it possible for students to choose what they want to learn.
30. We should build a flexible society, based on understanding and fulfillment of human needs.
31. Solidarity with others is not possible except as we share common feelings and experiences.
32. Society should facilitate the greatest range of personal choice and the complete satisfaction of wants, without coercion.
33. Life is more important than honor and dignity.
34. People today are not fanatics or revolutionaries, but automatons.
35. Rather than promote a single culture, modern nations should foster many cultures, so that their citizens can make their own choices.
36. It is important for humankind to renunciate the use of violence to resolve quarrels and conflicts.
37. One should be oneself, always.
38. Scientific activity requires the capacity to integrate information and new data.
39. The search for riches has no other object than to provoke admiration or envy.
40. We are not completely responsible for our acts.
41. Education should train professionals rather than seeking to be a means of liberation for humanity.
42. I like to show my body.
43. Happiness is living the simple life, in harmony with nature.
44. Everyone is a potential artist.
45. In a political system, voting is a basic right of citizens, even though they fail to use it.
46. History is not constructed freely and rationally, but rather we make it without controlling it or understanding it entirely, since there exist secret forces that intervene.
47. The important things in education are communication and dialogue, not authority figures.

SHEET OF ANSWERS

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MEASURES OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL BELIEFS¹

Nine Factors	
	Items CSB
Factor 1. Maximum Choice and Minimum authority	$\Sigma (8, 21, 30, 32, 35, 36, 37, 47) / 8$
Factor 2. Spontaneous lifestyles	$\Sigma (3, 19, 29, 33, 43, 44) / 6$
Factor 3. Technology of Knowledge	$\Sigma (5, 12, 15, 45) / 4$
Factor 4. Ahistorical Individualism	$\Sigma (2, 10, 16, 27, 31, 34, 39) / 7$
Factor 5. Fatalism	$\Sigma (22, 40, 46) / 3$
Factor 6. Formal Democracy	$\Sigma (4, 18, 20, 24, 26, 38, 41) / 7$
Factor 7. Narcissism	$\Sigma (17, 23, 25, 42) / 4$
Factor 8. Consumerism	$\Sigma (6, 7, 9, 11, 13) / 5$
Factor 9. Emotional Egocentrism	$\Sigma (1, 14, 28) / 3$

Basic Dimensions Tree	
	Σ factors
Democratic Lifestyles	$1 + 2 + 3 / 3$
Present Technique Control	$4 + 5 + 6 / 3$
Egocentric Social Relations	$7 + 8 + 9 / 3$

¹ Measures of the CSB according to analysis of Seoane-Garzón, 1991, 1996