Beliefs about the etiology of sexual orientation (BESO). This instrument measures individuals’ beliefs about the etiology of the homosexual sexual orientation. It consists of two subscales: Genetic Etiology (GE) and Learned Etiology (LE).

I Genetic Etiology (GE). The subscale that measures attributions about a genetic etiology for the homosexual sexual orientation is made up of four items:

1. “The homosexual sexual orientation is an inevitable behavior that depends on genetics”.
   La orientación sexual homosexual es un comportamiento inevitable que depende de la genética.

2. “One’s sexual orientation is caused by biological factors like genes and hormones”.
   La orientación sexual está causada por factores biológicos como los genes y las hormonas.

3. “Genetic factors are the causes of the homosexual sexual orientation”.
   Los factores genéticos son la causa de la orientación sexual de gay y lesbianas.

4. “The homosexual sexual orientation is not chosen voluntarily because one is born homosexual”.
   La orientación sexual homosexual no se elige voluntariamente porque una persona nace homosexual.

II Learned Etiology (LE). The subscale that measures the attributions about the learned etiology of the homosexual sexual orientation is also made up of four items:

1. “A child who is raised by same-sex parents will have a greater probability of having a homosexual sexual preference”.
   Un niño/a educado por una pareja de gay o lesbianas tendrá más probabilidades de tener una preferencia sexual homosexual.

2. “Children need a father and a mother to provide them with masculine and feminine role models”.
   Los niños/as necesitan un padre y una madre heterosexual para poder proporcionarles un modelo masculino y un modelo femenino.

3. “I think same-sex parents influence the sexual orientation of their children”.
   Creo que padres gay o las madres lesbianas influyen en la orientación sexual de sus hijos/as.

4. “In many cases, homosexual behaviors are learned”.
   En muchas ocasiones las conductas de las personas gay y lesbianas son aprendidas.

A Likert-type response scale was used, ranging from 1 completely disagree to 5 completely agree. The higher the score, the greater is the belief about the genetic etiology of the homosexual sexual orientation (genetic etiology subscale) or the belief about the learned etiology (learned etiology subscale). The scores can range from 4 to 20.