

Rate The Moral Impact Of Words - Purity

Instructions ▲

Judge the power of words in expressing the ideal of Purity (or Chastity) or the morally opposite concept of Degradation (or Earthly).

Overview

In this job, you will be presented with distinct words and you will have to rate how relevant they are to the concept of Purity or the concept of Degradation. Remember, both extremes express two opposite moral perspectives so there are no right or wrong answers. Then you will be given the description of a few situations and asked to rate if you agree with them or not. We are interested in your spontaneous opinion so please work at a rapid pace and don't spend too much time thinking about each word. Rather, make your ratings based on your first and immediate reaction as you read each word.

We Provide:

- Words and situations.
- Description of the concepts.
- Helpful hints in each step.

Process

1. Read the word.
2. Determine if the word is closer to the concept of *Purity*, or to *Degradation*, or is *neutral* (neither of the two).
3. Determine the sentiment of the word is expressing a *happy*, or an *unhappy*, or a *neutral* sentiment.
4. Determine the sentiment of the word is expressing a *excited*, or a *calm*, or a *neutral* sentiment.
5. Read the questions 15-18 and say whether to what extent the presented considerations are relevant to your thinking, when you decide if something is morally right or wrong.
6. Read the questions 18 to 20 and say whether you agree or disagree with the statements.

Summary

You will be given a few words and you will be asked to rate the relevance to the concepts of Purity and Degradation as well as the sentiment of a word in terms of happiness and excitement . Pay attention to details and the choice of words when making your choice. Please do not overuse *Neutral*. Remember to make your ratings based on your first and immediate reaction as you read each word.

Thank you very much for your work!

Let's start!

We are trying to understand morality and how people use and respond to different words.

In the questions 1 to 14 you are asked to rate if the given WORD is closer to the concept of Purity (or Chastity) or the concept of Degradation (or Earthly).

Purity in this task expresses spirituality and feelings of revulsion for disgusting things, foods or actions. It underlies concerns about protecting the divinity inherent in each person against the degradation of hedonistic selfishness. Religious notions of striving to live in an elevated, less carnal, more noble way are included in this ideal. The belief that the body is a temple which can be desecrated by immoral activities and contaminants (an idea not unique to religious traditions) is included in this concept but it expands to symbols or psysical objects, for example burning a flag would be considered as a profanity action. Purity is associated to feelings of disgust in response to biological contaminants (e.g. feces or rotten food), and to various social contaminants like spiritual corruption, or the inability to control one's base impulses. Degradation in this task, emphasises the need of vicinity to the earthy pleasures and natural way of living. Expressing the opposite concepts of Purity, it underlies values of reconnecting to our insticts, supports openness towards sexuality and sanctity of life, not only from a religious perspective but also socio-political one, favouring for example same-sex marriages, abortion, euthanesia etc.

Then for the questions 15 to 18, we present to you some considerations and you are asked to rate how relevant they are to your thinking, when you decide if an action is morally right or wrong.

For the questions 18 to 20 we present to you a few statements and you are asked to say if you agree or disagree with them.

There is not a correct or wrong answer. We are interested in your opinions. Please work at a rapid place and don't spend too much time thinking about each word. Rather, make your ratings based on your first and immediate reaction as you read each word.

Rate how much the word LOVE expresses Purity or Degradation (required)

Closer to Degradation

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Closer to Purity

At one extreme of the scale (9) you think that this word is expressing a Pure (Spiritual) message. In this task Purity underlies notions of striving to live in an elevated, less carnal, more noble way are included in this ideal. The belief that the body is a temple which can be desecrated by immoral activities and contaminants (an idea not unique to religious traditions) is included in this concept but it expands to symbols or psysical objects, for example burning a flag would be considered as a profanity action. At the other extreme of the scale (1) you think that the word is expressing a Degradation message. In this task, Degradation expresses

the need of vicinity to the earthy pleasures and natural way of living. It underlies values of reconnecting to our instincts, supports openness towards sexuality and sanctity of life, not only from a religious perspective but also from a scientific one. It is a way of life that is not only healthy but also joyful, peaceful, etc. If you think that the word is not related neither to Purity or Degradation meanings, choose the middle point (5).

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UnhappyHappy

At one extreme of this scale (9) , you are happy, pleased, satisfied, contented, hopeful. At the other extreme (1) , you feel completely unhappy, annoyed, unsatisfied, melancholic, despaired, or bored. If you feel completely neutral, neither happy nor sad, choose the middle point of the scale (5).

Rate the sentiment/feeling you get when you hear the word LOVE: (required)

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CalmExhited

At one extreme of this scale (9) you are stimulated, excited, frenzied, jittery, wide-awake, or aroused. At the other extreme of the scale (1) you would feel completely relaxed, calm, sluggish, dull, sleepy, or unaroused. If you are not excited nor at all calm, select (5).

When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent the fact that someone violated standards of purity and decency, is relevant to your thinking? (required)

- Not at all relevant
- Not very relevant
- Slightly relevant
- Somewhat relevant
- Very relevant
- Extremely relevant

When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent the fact that someone did something disgusting, is relevant to your thinking? (required)

- Not at all relevant
- Not very relevant
- Slightly relevant
- Somewhat relevant
- Very relevant
- Extremely relevant

When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent the fact that someone acted in a way that God would approve of, is relevant to your thinking? (required)

- Not at all relevant
- Not very relevant
- Slightly relevant
- Somewhat relevant
- Very relevant
- Extremely relevant

Rate how much you agree with the statement: People should not do things that are disgusting, even if no one is harmed. (required)

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Slightly disagree
- ☐ Slightly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

Rate how much you agree with the statement: I would call some acts wrong on the grounds that they are unnatural. (required)

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Slightly disagree
- ☐ Slightly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

Rate how much you agree with the statement: Chastity is an important and valuable virtue. (required)

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Moderately disagree
- ☐ Slightly disagree
- ☐ Slightly agree
- ☐ Moderately agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

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