S2 Table: ESS psychological wellbeing scale definitions

Scale	Items
Evaluative wellbeing	How satisfied with life as a whole
	How happy are you
Emotional wellbeing	Felt sad, how often in the past week
	Felt depressed, how often in the past week
	Enjoyed life, how often in the past week
	Were happy, how often in the past week
	Felt anxious, how often in the past week
	Felt calm and peaceful, how often in the past week
Functioning	Free to decide how to live my life
	Little chance to show how capable I am
	Feel accomplishment from what I do
	Interested in what you are doing
	Absorbed in what you are doing
	Enthusiastic about what you are doing
	Feel what I do in life is valuable and worthwhile
	Have a sense of direction
	Always optimistic about my future
	There are lots of things I feel I am good at
	In general feel very positive about myself
	At times feel as if I am a failure
	When things go wrong in my life it takes a long time to get back to normal
	Deal with important problems
Vitality	Felt everything did as effort, how often in the past week
	Sleep was restless, how often in the past week
	Could not get going, how often in the past week
	Had a lot of energy, how often in the past week
Community wellbeing	Most people can be trusted
	People try to take advantage
	Most of the time people are helpful
	Feel people in local area help one another
	Feel close to the people in local area
Supportive relationships	How many with whom you can discuss intimate matters
	Feel appreciated by those you are close to
	Receive help and support
	Felt lonely, how often in the past week

Table 1: Relationship between questionnaire items and scales, as defined in [1]. Note that before we construct the scale scores as item means, we transform the individual item scores such that they are all on a scale from 0 to 10 and such that 10 always corresponds being the most happy.

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