

# TCU Criminal Thinking Scales

PLEASE RESPOND TO EACH OF THE STATEMENTS BELOW BY FILLING IN THE CIRCLE TO INDICATE HOW MUCH YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH EACH ONE. MARK ONLY ONE CHOICE FOR EACH STATEMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

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Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Uncertain	Agree	Agree Strongly
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| 1. You get upset when you hear about someone who has lost everything in a natural disaster. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. You deserve special consideration. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. You are in prison now because you had a run of bad luck. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. The real reason you are in prison is because of your race. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. When people tell you what to do, you become aggressive. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Anything can be fixed in court if you have the right connections. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Seeing someone cry makes you sad. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. You rationalize your irresponsible actions with statements like "Everyone else is doing it, so why shouldn't I?". ....                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 9. Bankers, lawyers, and politicians get away with breaking the law every day. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 10. You have paid your dues in life and are justified in taking what you want. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 11. When not in control of a situation, you feel the need to exert power over others. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 12. When questioned about the motives for engaging in crime, you justify your behavior by pointing out how hard your life has been. .... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 13. You are sometimes so moved by an experience that you feel emotions that you cannot describe. ....                                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 14. You argue with others over relatively trivial matters. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 15. If someone disrespects you then you have to straighten them out, even if you have to get physical with them to do it. ....           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 16. You like to be in control. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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| 17. You find yourself blaming the victims of some of your crimes. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 18. You feel people are important to you. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 19. This country's justice system was designed to treat everyone equally. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 20. Police do worse things than do the "criminals" they lock up. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 21. You think you have to pay back people who mess with you. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 22. Nothing you do here is going to make a difference in the way you are treated. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 23. You feel you are above the law. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 24. It is okay to commit crime in order to pay for the things you need. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 25. Society owes you a better life. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 26. Breaking the law is no big deal as long as you do not physically harm someone. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 27. You find yourself blaming society and external circumstances for the problems in your life. ....                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 28. You worry when a friend is having personal problems. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 29. The only way to protect yourself is to be ready to fight. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 30. You are not to blame for everything you have done. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 31. It is unfair that you are imprisoned for your crimes when bank presidents, lawyers, and politicians get away with their crimes. .... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 32. Laws are just a way to keep poor people down. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 33. Your good behavior should allow you to be irresponsible sometimes. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 34. It is okay to commit crime in order to live the life you deserve. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 35. Prosecutors often tell witnesses to lie in court. ....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 36. You justify the crimes you have committed by telling yourself that if you had not done it, someone else would have. ....             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 37. You may be a criminal, but your environment made you that way. ....  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |