**AUTHORITARIANISM SCALE**

**Conventionalism: conformity to the traditional societal norms and values of the middle class;**

**Authoritarian submission: a passive notion towards adhering to conventional norms and values;**

**Authoritarian aggression: punishing and condemning individuals who don’t adhere to conventional values;**

**Religion and Ethics;**

**Superstition**

**Power and "toughness";**

**Anti-intraception, i.e. "rejection of all inwardness, of the subjective, the imaginative, the tender-minded, and of self-criticism"; and**

**[1] Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn.**

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**[2] A person who has bad manners, habits, and breeding can hardly expect to get along with decent people.**

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**[3] If people would talk less and work more, everybody would be better off.**

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**[4] The business man and the manufacturer are much more important to society than the artist and the professor.**

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**[5] Science has its place, but there are many important things that can never be understood by the human mind.**

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**[6] Every person should have complete faith in some supernatural power whose decisions he obeys without question.**

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**[7] Young people sometimes get rebellious ideas, but as they grow up they ought to get over them and settle down.**

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**[8] What this country needs most, more than laws and political programs, is a few courageous, tireless, devoted leaders in whom the people can put their faith.**

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**[9] No sane, normal, decent person could ever think of hurting a close friend or relative.**

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**[10] Nobody ever learned anything really important except through suffering.**

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**[11] What the youth needs most is strict discipline, rugged determination, and the will to work and fight for family and country.**

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**[12] An insult to our honor should always be punished.**

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**[13] Sex crimes, such as rape and attacks on children, deserve more than mere imprisonment; such criminals ought to be publicly whipped, or worse.**

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**[14] There is hardly anything lower than a person who does not feel a great love, gratitude, and respect for his parents.**

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**[15] Most of our social problems would be solved if we could somehow get rid of the immoral, crooked, and feebleminded people.**

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**[16] Homosexuals are hardly better than criminals and ought to be severely punished.**

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**[17] When a person has a problem or worry, it is best for him not to think about it, but to keep busy with more cheerful things.**

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**[18] Nowadays more and more people are prying into matters that should remain personal and private.**

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**[19] Some people are born with an urge to jump from high places.**

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**[20] People can be divided into two distinct classes: the weak and the strong.**

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**[21] Some day it will probably be shown that astrology can explain a lot of things.**

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**[22] Wars and social troubles may someday be ended by an earthquake or flood that will destroy the whole world.**

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**[23] No weakness or difficulty can hold us back if we have enough will power.**

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**[24] It is best to use some prewar authorities in Germany to keep order and prevent chaos. [You'll have to pretend it is 1946 when you answer this one.]**

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**[25] Most people don't realize how much our lives are controlled by plots hatched in secret places.**

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**[26] Human nature being what it is, there will always be war and conflict.**

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**[27] Familiarity breeds contempt.**

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**[28] Nowadays when so many different kinds of people move around and mix together so much, a person has to protect himself especially carefully against catching an infection or disease from them.**

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**[29] The wild sex life of the old Greeks and Romans was tame compared to some of the goings-on in this country, even in places where people might least expect it.**

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**[30] The true American way of life is disappearing so fast that force may be necessary to preserve it.**

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