Inequality Scale Dev. - USA

Start of Block: Consent



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This study is being conducted to understand social attitudes. The study is expected to take approximately 10 minutes, and you will be remunerated $0.50 for your participation. As part of this study, you will be asked to complete a short series of questionnaires measuring various social attitudes, and then read a debriefing form. The research aims to expand our understanding of these attitudes. We will also ask you to report various demographics (e.g., age, gender, etc) in order for us to better understand the characteristics of our research sample.
 
Your participation is completely voluntary. You are free not to answer any questions or complete any tasks that you find uncomfortable. Refusal to participate or withdrawal/dropout after agreeing to participate will not have an adverse effect or consequences on the participants, their employment, education or services. All of your responses will be confidential. Data will then be stored on a password-protected computer for data analysis and/or stored in a locked filing cabinet in the Social Psychology Lab at Simon Fraser University for not more than 10 years. A completely anonymized copy of the data will be uploaded to an online forum in an effort to further open science initiatives. Only Dr. Aknin and her research team will have access to this information.
 
In line with current best practices in psychological research, electronic data will be preserved for future use in open science initiatives. Open science initiatives allow for researchers from different universities to share their data upon completion of studies, in an effort to stimulate further use and exploration of existing data sets. Data is uploaded to an online forum in the form of a computer software file, and these files are stripped of any information that could identify participants (e.g., names, email addresses), to ensure confidentiality and anonymity.
 
There are no foreseen risks associated with this study and there is no deception involved in this investigation. This study has been designated minimal risk because there are no foreseen risks or deception involved.
 
If you have any concerns or complaints with respect to your participation in this research study, please contact, Dr. Jeffrey Toward, Director of the Office of Research Ethics:
 
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By clicking “I agree” below, you are consenting to participate, stating you are over 17 years of age, and certify that you have received sufficient information describing the procedures, that you have received an adequate opportunity to consider the information above describing the study, and that you voluntarily agree to participate in the study.
  
I understand that I may withdraw my participation at any time. I may even do so after completing the study by emailing laknin@sfu.ca within 10 days of participation.

* I agree to participate (1)
* I do not agree to participate (2)

End of Block: Consent

Start of Block: Ineq att items

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Q1 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements on the scale below

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| The negative consequences of economic inequality have been largely exaggerated (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic inequality is causing many of the United States' problems (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am very disturbed by the amount of economic inequality in the United States today (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic inequality is not a problem (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| We need to do everything possible to reduce economic inequality in the United States today (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q2 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements on the scale below

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| Overall, the United States is a fairly equal place (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is not as much economic inequality in the United States as many people believe (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very few people realize how unequal today’s United States is (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Currently, there is an immense amount of economic inequality in the United States (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q3 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements on the scale below

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| The current levels of economic inequality in the United States are nothing new (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic inequality in the United States is growing faster than ever before (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The United States is becoming a more equal place (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| There is more economic inequality in the United States today than at any other time in history (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q4 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements on the scale below

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| There is nothing that can be done to reduce the level of economic inequality in the United States (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is impossible to stop economic inequality from increasing (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Some level of economic inequality is unavoidable (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic inequality cannot be prevented (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It would be relatively easy to make the United States a more equal place (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nothing can be done to change the current level of economic inequality (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is possible to reduce the level of economic inequality in the United States (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Ineq att items

Start of Block: Just world beliefs



Q14 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements on the scale below

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Agree (4) | Strongly agree (5) |
| I think that in general there is justice in the world (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Someday I will be compensated for suffered injustices (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| By and large, people get what they deserve (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| In my life, justice always prevails (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am usually treated fairly (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Even when confronted with great suffering, it is important to maintain one's belief in compensating justice (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I usually get what I deserve (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Injustices in all areas of life (e.g., professional, family, politics) are the exception rather than the rule (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Even victims of serious injustice can expect things to even out in the long run (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overall, events in my life are just (10) |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the long run, people will be compensated for injustices (11) |  |  |  |  |  |
| People try to be fair when making important decisions (12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Even my worst luck will turn out all right in the end (13) |  |  |  |  |  |
| In my life, injustice is the exception rather than the rule (14) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Justice always prevails over injustice (15) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Most of the things that happen in my life are fair (16) |  |  |  |  |  |
| By and large, I deserve what happens to me (17) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Important decisions that are made that concern me are usually just (18) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Just world beliefs

Start of Block: Support for redistribution



Q15 Please answer the following questions according to the scale below.

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|  | Nothing at all (1) | Not Much (2) | Some (3) | A lot (4) |
| How much, if anything, **should** the government do to reduce poverty? (1) |  |  |  |  |
| How much, if anything, **should** the government do to reduce the gap between the rich and everyone else? (2) |  |  |  |  |
| How much do you think government policies and programs **can do** to reduce poverty in this country? (3) |  |  |  |  |
| How much do you think government policies and programs **can do** to reduce the gap between the rich and everyone else in this country? (4) |  |  |  |  |

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Q40 Where do you fall on the following scale?

* 1 - People should take more responsibility to provide for themselves (1)
* 2 (2)
* 3 (3)
* 4 (4)
* 5 (5)
* 6 (6)
* 7 (7)
* 8 (8)
* 9 (9)
* 10 - The government should take more responsibility to ensure that everyone is provided for (10)



Q42 Where do you fall on the following scale?

* 1 - Incomes should be made more equal (1)
* 2 (2)
* 3 (3)
* 4 (4)
* 5 (5)
* 6 (6)
* 7 (7)
* 8 (8)
* 9 (9)
* 10 - We need larger income differences as incentives for individual effort (10)



Q41 How much do you agree with the following statement:

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Neither Agree nor Disagree (3) | Agree (4) | Strongly Agree (5) |
| The government should take measures to reduce differences in income levels (1) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Support for redistribution

Start of Block: Warmth/Competence

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Q16 Please rate what you think about people in poverty on the scale presented below.  
  
  
I think people in poverty are...

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|  | Not at all (1) | A little bit (2) | Somewhat (3) | Very (4) | Extremely (5) |
| competent (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| confident (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| independent (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| competitive (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| intelligent (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| tolerant (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| warm (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| good natured (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| sincere (9) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Warmth/Competence

Start of Block: Wealth Guilt

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Q21 Please rate your agreement with the following five statements below, using the scale provided.

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Slightly Disagree (3) | Neither Agree nor Disagree (4) | Slightly Agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly Agree (7) |
| I sometimes feel guilty about how much money I have compared to others (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have access to more money than I probably deserve (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If I saw or heard about someone who doesn't have as much as I do, I would feel guilty (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| When I pass homeless people on the street, I feel bad that I have more money than they do (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don't feel guilty about the money or material resources I have (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Wealth Guilt

Start of Block: Empathy



Q22 Please rate how much you agree with the following 6 statements using the rating scale provided below.

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Neither Agree nor Disagree (3) | Agree (4) | Strongly Agree (5) |
| I have a hard time reading people's emotions (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I usually understand why people feel the way they do (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| It makes me feel good to help someone in need (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don't worry much about hurting people's feelings (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| People who are cheery disgust me (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like making other people uncomfortable (6) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Empathy

Start of Block: Prosocial Tendencies



Q23 Below are sentences that might or might not describe you. Please indicate how much each statement describes you by using the scale below.

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|  | Does not describe me at all (1) | Describes me a little (2) | Somewhat describes me (3) | Describes me well (4) | Describes me greatly (5) |
| I tend to help people who are in a real crisis or need (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When people ask me to help them, I don't hesitate (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I never wait to help others when they ask for it (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Prosocial Tendencies

Start of Block: Free Will



Q39 Please indicate on the following scale the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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|  | Strongly Disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat Disagree (3) | Neutral/not sure (4) | Somewhat Agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly Agree (7) |
| People always have the ability to do otherwise (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| People always have free will (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| How people's lives unfold is completely up to them (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| People ultimately have complete control over their decisions and their actions (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| People have free will even when their choices are completely limited by external circumstances (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Free Will

Start of Block: Social Desirability



Q26 Read each item and decide whether it is True or
False for you.



Q25 1. It is sometimes hard for me to go on with my work if I am not encouraged.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q27 2. I sometimes feel resentful when I don't get my way.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q28 3. On a few occasions, I have given up doing something because I thought too little of my ability.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q29 4. There have been times when I felt like rebelling against people in authority even though I knew they were right.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q30 5. No matter who I'm talking to, I'm always a good listener.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q31 6. There have been occasions when I took advantage of someone.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q32 7. I'm always willing to admit it when I make a mistake.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q33 8. I sometimes try to get even rather than forgive and forget.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q34 9. I am always courteous, even to people who are disagreeable.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q35 10. I have never been irked when people expressed ideas very different from my own.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q36 11. There have been times when I was quite jealous of the good fortune of others.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q37 12. I am sometimes irritated by people who ask favors of me.

* True (1)
* False (2)



Q38 13. I have never deliberately said something that hurt someone's feelings.

* True (1)
* False (2)

End of Block: Social Desirability

Start of Block: Over Claiming



Q24 Using the following scale as a guideline, choose a number from 0 to 6 beside each item to indicate how familiar you are with it.

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|  | 0 - Never heard of it (1) | 1 (2) | 2 (3) | 3 (4) | 4 (5) | 5 (6) | 6 - Very Familiar (7) |
| Manhattan Project (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| cholarine (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| alloy (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ultra-lipid (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nebula (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| asteroids (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| atomic number (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| plate tectonics (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| cetripedal force (9) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| particle accelerator (10) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nuclear fusion (11) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| hydroponics (12) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| photon (13) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| plates of parallax (14) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| satellite (15) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Over Claiming

Start of Block: Demographics



Q6 Are you:

* Male (1)
* Female (2)
* Other (3)
* Prefer not to say (4)



Q7 How old are you?

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Q8 What is your ethnicity?

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Q9 What is your household income?

* Under $20,000 (1)
* $20,001 - $29,999 (2)
* $30,000 - $39,999 (3)
* $40,000 - $49,999 (4)
* $50,000 - $59,999 (5)
* $60,000 - $69,999 (6)
* $70,000 - $79,999 (7)
* $80,000 - $89,999 (8)
* $90,000 - $99,999 (9)
* $100,000 - $109,999 (10)
* $110,000 - $119,999 (11)
* $120,000 - $129,999 (12)
* $130,000 - $139,999 (13)
* $140,000 - $149,999 (14)
* $150,000+ (15)

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Q10 When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as liberal, moderate, conservative, or something else?

* Very liberal (1)
* Liberal (2)
* Slightly liberal (3)
* Moderate/middle-of-the-road (4)
* Slightly Conservative (5)
* Conservative (6)
* Very conservative (7)
* Don't know/not political (8)
* Other (9)



Q11 In general, how liberal (left-wing) or conservative (right-wing) are you on **social issues**?

* Very liberal (1)
* Liberal (2)
* Slightly liberal (3)
* Moderate/middle-of-the-road (4)
* Slightly Conservative (5)
* Conservative (6)
* Very conservative (7)
* Don't know/not political (8)
* Other (9)



Q12 In general, how liberal (left-wing) or conservative (right-wing) are you on **economic issues**?

* Very liberal (1)
* Liberal (2)
* Slightly liberal (3)
* Moderate/middle-of-the-road (4)
* Slightly Conservative (5)
* Conservative (6)
* Very conservative (7)
* Don't know/not political (8)
* Other (9)



Q13 Would you most closely identify as a:

* Democrat (1)
* Independent (2)
* Republican (3)
* Other (4)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: Debrief



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A great deal of social science research has focused on studying the causes and consequences of economic inequality. Increasingly, this research has been focused on studying individual perceptions of, and attitudes towards, economic inequality. The purpose of this research was to design, test, and validate a new tool measuring tolerance for economic inequality. As such, you completed our newly developed scale followed by a series of other similar social attitude scales.
We thank you for taking part in this experiment and hope you enjoyed your participation! We ask that you not tell others about our research question. If people come into the study knowing about our specific research question, it would influence their results, and the data we collect would not be useable.
 
If you would like to discuss the study, or if you would like to see a summary of the results, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Aknin (laknin@sfu.ca).
 
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Q20 **You're done!  Your completion code is 79${ws://WebService?u=http%253A%252F%252Freporting.qualtrics.com%252Fprojects%252FrandomNumGen.php&f=random}.  Please enter this on the HIT page and here:**

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End of Block: Debrief