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Table 1

*Correlations Among and Descriptive Statistics For Key Study Variables*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | *M* (*SD*) | Sex | Age | Income | Educ. | Relig. | Dist. Intol. |
| Sex | 1.53 (.50) |  | .07 | -.09 | .02 | .14 | .06 |
| Age | 31.88 (10.29) |  |  | .08 | .19\* | .20\* | .01 |
| Income | 2.60 (1.57) |  |  |  | .04 | -.14 | -.09 |
| Education | 3.44 (1.06) |  |  |  |  | -.29\* | -.06 |
| Relig. | 1.21 (.30) |  |  |  |  |  | -.19\* |
| Dist. Intol. | 3.75 (1.19) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*Notes. N*’s range from 107 to 109 due to occasional missing data. For sex, 0 = male, 1 = female. BHF = babies hoped for. Dist. Intol. = distress intolerance. Relig. = religiosity.

\* *p* < .05.

Alcohol Consumption

Frugality

Amount that Gets Spent on Alcohol

Figure 1. This simple path model, adapted from results in a *Journal of Consumer Behaviour* paper, is an example of a figure.