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SD3 – 27 items

Please rate your agreement or disagreement with each item using the following guidelines.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree

Machiavellianism subscale

1. It's not wise to tell your secrets.
2. Generally speaking, people won't work hard unless they have to.
3. Whatever it takes, you must get the important people on your side.
4. Avoid direct conflict with others because they may be useful in the future.
5. It's wise to keep track of information that you can use against people later.
6. You should wait for the right time to get back at people.
7. There are things you should hide from other people because they don't need to know.
8. Make sure your plans benefit you, not others.
9. Most people can be manipulated.

Narcissism subscale

1. People see me as a natural leader.
2. I hate being the center of attention. (R)
3. Many group activities tend to be dull without me.
4. I know that I am special because everyone keeps telling me so.
5. I like to get acquainted with important people.
6. I feel embarrassed if someone compliments me. (R)
7. I have been compared to famous people.
8. I am an average person. (R)
9. I insist on getting the respect I deserve.

Psychopathy subscale

1. I like to get revenge on authorities.
2. I avoid dangerous situations. (R)
3. Payback needs to be quick and nasty.
4. People often say I'm out of control.
5. It's true that I can be mean to others. (or I enjoy having sex with people I hardly know.)
6. People who mess with me always regret it.
7. I have never gotten into trouble with the law. (R)
8. I like to pick on losers.
9. I'll say anything to get what I want.



SCORING AND PSYCHOMETRICS

Reverse the scoring on all the reversals items (marked with R). Then calculate the mean of the 10 items within each subscale: The following norms are based on a sample of 387 undergraduate students.

NORMS

	Mean	S.D.	Alpha
Machiavellianism	3.1	.76	.78
Narcissism	2.8	.88	.77
Psychopathy	2.4	1.0	.80

INTERCORRELATIONS

	Machiavellianism	Narcissism	Psychopathy
Machiavellianism	--	.23	.37
Narcissism		--	.20
Psychopathy			--

CITATIONS

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