

Altemeyer survey Fall 2019 – key scales

Right Wing Authoritarianism scale

Questions answered on a 9-point fully anchored disagree/agree response set.

- * RWA1. Our country desperately needs a mighty leader who will do what has to be done to destroy the radical new ways and sinfulness that are ruining us.
- RWA2. Gays and lesbians are just as healthy and moral as anybody else.
- * RWA3. It is always better to trust the judgment of the proper authorities in government and religion than to listen to the noisy rabble-rousers in our society who are trying to create doubt in people's minds
- RWA4. Atheists and others who have rebelled against the established religions are no doubt every bit as good and virtuous as those who attend church regularly.
- * RWA5. The only way our country can get through the crisis ahead is to get back to our traditional values, put some tough leaders in power, and silence the troublemakers spreading bad ideas.
- RWA6. There is absolutely nothing wrong with nudist camps.
- * RWA7. Our country needs free thinkers who have the courage to defy traditional ways, even if this upsets many people.
- RWA8. Our country will be destroyed someday if we do not smash the perversions eating away at our moral fiber and traditional beliefs.
- RWA9. Everyone should have their own lifestyle, religious beliefs, and sexual preferences, even if it makes them different from everyone else.
- * RWA10. The "old-fashioned ways" and the "old-fashioned values" still show the best way to live.
- RWA11. You have to admire those who challenged the law and the majority's view by protesting for women's abortion rights, for animal rights, or to abolish school prayer.
- * RWA12. What our country really needs is a strong, determined leader who will crush evil, and take us back to our true path.
- RWA13. Some of the best people in our country are those who are challenging our government, criticizing religion, and ignoring the "normal way things are supposed to be done."
- RWA14. God's laws about abortion, pornography and marriage must be strictly followed before it is too late, and those who break them must be strongly punished.
- RWA15. There are many radical, immoral people in our country today, who are trying to ruin it for their own godless purposes, whom the authorities should put out of action.
- RWA16. A "woman's place" should be wherever she wants to be. The days when women are submissive to their husbands and social conventions belong strictly in the past.
- * RWA17. Our country will be great if we honor the ways of our forefathers, do what the authorities tell us to do, and get rid of the "rotten apples" who are ruining everything.
- * RWA18. There is no "ONE right way" to live life; everybody has to create their own way.
- RWA19. Homosexuals and feminists should be praised for being brave enough to defy "traditional family values."
- * RWA20. This country would work a lot better if certain groups of troublemakers would just shut up and accept their group's traditional place in society.

Additional survey items not part of official RWA scale

- RX1. We need more marches and demonstrations to protest how badly minorities are treated in America.
- * RX2. Once our government leaders and the authorities condemn the dangerous elements in our society, it will be the duty of every patriotic citizen to help stomp out the rot that is poisoning our country from within.
- RX3. The U.S. Constitution gets in the way of things too much nowadays and should just be ignored when it interferes with taking action on some issue.
- * RX4. It is more important for a leader to be able to arouse the deep passions of the common man than to offer well-reasoned arguments for policies.

*** Note: Monmouth's 11-item version of the RWA scale excludes questions that do not mention government or are specifically about a social issue and includes two questions not part of the original scale (starred items above). A shorter 5-item version of this scale includes RWA10/12/17/20 and RX2 only.**

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Social Dominance Orientation scale

Questions answered on a 9-point fully anchored oppose/favor response set.

- SD1. Some groups of people must be kept in their place.
- SD2. It's probably a good thing that certain groups are at the top and other groups are at the bottom.
- SD3. An ideal society requires some groups to be on top and others to be on the bottom.
- SD4. Some groups of people are simply inferior to other groups.
- SD5. Groups at the bottom are just as deserving as groups at the top.
- SD6. No one group should dominate in society.
- SD7. Groups at the bottom should not have to stay in their place.
- SD8. Group dominance is a poor principle.
- SD9. We should not push for group equality.
- SD10. We shouldn't try to guarantee that every group has the same quality of life.
- SD11. It is unjust to make groups equal.
- SD12. Group equality should not be our primary goal.
- SD13. We should work to give all groups an equal chance to succeed.
- SD14. We should do what we can to equalize conditions for different groups.
- SD15. No matter how much effort it takes, we ought to strive to ensure that all groups have the same chance in life.
- SD16. Group equality should be our ideal.

Religious Fundamentalism scale

Questions answered on a 9-point fully anchored disagree/agree response set.

- RF1. God has given humanity a complete, unfailing guide to happiness and salvation, which must be totally followed.
- RF2. No single book of religious teachings contains all the intrinsic, fundamental truths about life.
- RF3. The basic cause of evil in this world is Satan, who is still constantly and ferociously fighting against God.
- RF4. It is more important to be a good person than to believe in God and the right religion.
- RF5. There is a particular set of religious teachings in this world that are so true, you can't go any "deeper" because they are the basic, bedrock message that God has given humanity.
- RF6. When you get right down to it, there are basically only two kinds of people in the world: the Righteous, who will be rewarded by God, and the rest, who will not.
- RF7. Scriptures may contain general truths, but they should NOT be considered completely, literally true from beginning to end.
- RF8. To lead the best, most meaningful life, one must belong to the one, fundamentally true religion.
- RF9. "Satan" is just the name people give to their own bad impulses. There really is *no such thing* as a diabolical "Prince of Darkness" who tempts us.
- RF10. Whenever science and sacred scripture conflict, *science* is probably right.
- RF11. The fundamentals of God's religion should never be tampered with, or compromised with others' beliefs.
- RF12. *All* of the religions in the world have flaws and wrong teachings. There is *no* perfectly true, right religion.

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Prejudice scale

Questions answered on a 9-point fully anchored disagree/agree response set.

- PR1. There are entirely too many people from the wrong places getting into the United States now.
- PR2. Muslims bring a valuable new element to American society and should be welcomed.
- PR3. White people are the major victims of discrimination in the United States. The government is on everybody else's side but theirs.
- PR4. The more diverse America becomes, with different people with different religions and heritages from everywhere else in the world, the stronger it will be.
- PR5. Black Americans continue to get less than their fair share of our country's wealth because of discrimination.
- PR6. Latin Americans are naturally lazy, promiscuous, and irresponsible.
- PR7. We should tear down the walls that keep people from different cultures away from us, rather than build new ones.
- PR8. Two really bad things about the Jews is that they killed Jesus, and they secretly control the world's banks and economy.
- PR9. Racial minorities have had it good for years in the United States because of all the government programs that help them get ahead of white people.
- PR10. It will be great if someday America has become such a mixture of different people that white persons are in a minority like everybody else.
- PR11. Instead of complaining and protesting all the time, African-Americans should be grateful for how good they have it here compared to where they came from.
- PR12. Religions like Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism are just as true as Christianity, and produce as much good behavior.
- PR13. Every person we let into the country as a "refugee" means another American won't be able to find a job, or another foreigner will go on welfare here.
- PR14. Overall the white race has mainly brought exploitation and suffering to the other peoples of the world.
- PR15. America should stop giving foreign aid to backward countries. They made their mess by themselves, so let them clean it up.
- PR16. Black people are just naturally more violent than white people.
- PR17. Christianity has very unjustly persecuted the Jews over the centuries.
- PR18. Most minorities on welfare would rather work, but they can't get jobs that pay a living wage.
- PR19. There's no way a religion like Islam that produces so many terrorists is as good a religion as Christianity is.
- PR20. Latin-Americans are as hard-working, law-abiding, and responsible as any other group of Americans.
- PR21. Certain races of people clearly do NOT have the natural intelligence and "get up and go" of the white race.
- PR22. Americans are NOT exceptionally noble compared to the rest of the world. "American Exceptionalism" is just another ugly "master race" theory.
- PR23. The immigrants from the Caribbean and Africa who have come to America have mainly brought disease, ignorance, and violence with them.
- PR24. It is good to live in a country where there are so many minority groups present, such as African-Americans, Hispanics, and Asians.