

Value System Instrument

(Adapted from Stimac, 1994)

On the following pages you will find a list of items. Consider each of the items.

Assess the degree to which you value/support or oppose each of the items as part of your values and belief system.

Circle the number which corresponds to your response. Only one number should be circled before each item.

In responding to each item, try to be as honest as you can.

Use the scoring key below

1	2	3	4	5
Highly Value/Support		Neutral		Highly Oppose

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RACE/ETHNICITY

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| 1 2 3 4 5 | Races are equal | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Willingness to socialize only with certain races |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Ethnic groups are equal | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Willingness to work with other races |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Own ethnic group is superior to others | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Intermarriage |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Preference for company of own ethnic group | 1 2 3 4 5 | | Preference for company of own race |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Willingness to socialize with other races | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Refusal to work with some racial groups |

GENDER

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| 1 2 3 4 5 | Own gender is superior to others | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Control by only females is unjust |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | The woman's place is in the home | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Men and women are equal |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Partnership between men and women in all matters is just | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Traditional gender roles can be reversed |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Men and women should share domestic responsibilities | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Control by only males is unjust |

AGE

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| 1 2 3 4 5 | Old age is to be feared | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Old age is the better part of life |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Aged people are physically unattractive | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Wisdom and age go hand in hand |
| 1 2 3 4 5 | Aged people are useless | | 1 2 3 4 5 | Aged people should be respected |

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CAREER/PROFESSION/JOB

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| <p>1 2 3 4 5 Having a career is more important than being married</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Having a career is more important than developing friends</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 A career can be more important than a family</p> | <p>1 2 3 4 5 Having leisure time is more important than building a career</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Service jobs are more important than manufacturing</p> |
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EDUCATION

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| <p>1 2 3 4 5 Pursuing an education for personal growth</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Pursuing an education for professional promotion</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Pursuing an education for monetary gain</p> | <p>1 2 3 4 5 Pursuing an education for the sake of power</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Not wishing to pursue an education</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Life without an education is only partially fulfilled</p> |
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FAMILY

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| <p>1 2 3 4 5 Traditional concept of family is essential to the health of our society</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Concept of family must be redefined</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Not wanting to have children</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Children are essential to a family</p> | <p>1 2 3 4 5 Wanting a child without marriage</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Fathers are more significant than mothers</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Mothers and fathers are equally significant</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Raising a child in a same-sex household</p> |
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MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Money is very important | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Possessions must be expensive |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | A person can live contentedly without money | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Wearing expensive clothing |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Getting and keeping money is a top priority | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Having an expensive car is important |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Having material possessions | | | | | | |

RELIGION

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | There is one God | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | There is life in heaven after death |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Maybe there is a God | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | There is nothing after life |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Belonging to an organized religion is important | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Having a personal relationship with God is important |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Being privately “religious” is better than belonging to an organized religion | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | God is the “Other”, greater than humans, but impersonal |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | There is hell and punishment after death | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Own religion is the only way to God |
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DISABILITY

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Persons with disabilities have the same rights as those without disabilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Persons with disabilities should have the equal access to opportunities |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Willingness to work with persons w/ disabilities | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Desire to socialize with persons with disabilities |

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PERSONAL FULFILLMENT

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| <p>1 2 3 4 5 Being personally fulfilled is more important than making money</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Being personally fulfilled is more important than owning possessions</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 A home life is necessary to be personally fulfilled</p> | <p>1 2 3 4 5 Being personally fulfilled is more important than status</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 A satisfying career is personally fulfilling</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 A spouse is necessary to be personally fulfilled</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Children are necessary to be personally fulfilled</p> |
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SEX

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| <p>1 2 3 4 5 Sex only in marriage</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Homosexuality & bisexuality</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Sex without commitment</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Abortion only in the case of rape or incest</p> | <p>1 2 3 4 5 Extramarital sex</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Sex only for procreation</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Abortion at the will of a woman</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Abortion is not right under any circumstances</p> |
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DEATH

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| <p>1 2 3 4 5 Death is to be feared</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Talking about death is not frightening</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Ability/willingness to imagine oneself dying</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Death is random</p> | <p>1 2 3 4 5 Death ends all; there is nothing after death</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Death begins a new life</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 Death happens for a reason</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 People are reincarnated</p> |
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