

World Database of Happiness



Correlational Findings on Happiness and CHILDREN Subject Code: C1

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Classification of Findings

| <i>Subject Code</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Nr of Studies on this Subject</i> |
|---------------------|---|--|
| C1 | CHILDREN | 0 |
| C1.2 | Grand-children | 0 |
| C1.2.1 | Having grand-children | 0 |
| C1.2.2 | Involvement with grand-children | 0 |
| C1.3 | Non-kin children | 0 |
| C1.4 | Attitudes to children | 1 |
| C1.4.2 | Attitudes to children in general | 0 |
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Correlational finding on Happiness and Attitudes to children

Subject code: C1.4

Study **BOHN 1972**

Reported in: Bohn, C.J.
 The Effect of Children upon Life Satisfaction. A Thesis in Child Development and Family Relationships.
 Unpublished Master Thesis, Pennsylvania State University, 1972, USA
 Page in Report: 31

Population: Adult, general public, Dominican Republic, Panama and Yugoslavia, ± 1960

Sample:

Non-Response:

N: 5228

Correlate

Authors label: Child-centered attitude. (1)

Our classification: Attitudes to children, code C1.4

Measurement: Children mentioned in response to open-ended questions on wishes and hopes and/or fears and worries for the future.

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

C-BW/c/sq/l/11/a

DM=+
p<.05

Computed for married persons only

Negative among lower S.E.S. without children (05)
 Positive among lower S.E.S. with children (01)
 Slightly negative among high S.E.S. without children (ns)
 Slightly negative among high S.E.S. with children (ns)

Appendix 1: Happiness Items used

*Happiness Item
Code*

Full Text

C-BW/c/sq/l/11/a

Selfreport on single question:

"Here is a picture of a ladder. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you and the bottom represents the worst possible life for you. Where on the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time?"

[10] best possible life

[9]

[8]

[7]

[6]

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[4]

[3]

[2]

[1]

[0] worst possible life

Preceded by 1) open questions about what the respondent imagines as the best possible life and the worst possible life. 2) ratings on the ladder of one's life five years ago and where on the ladder one expects to stand five years from now.

Name: Cantril's self anchoring ladder rating of life (original)

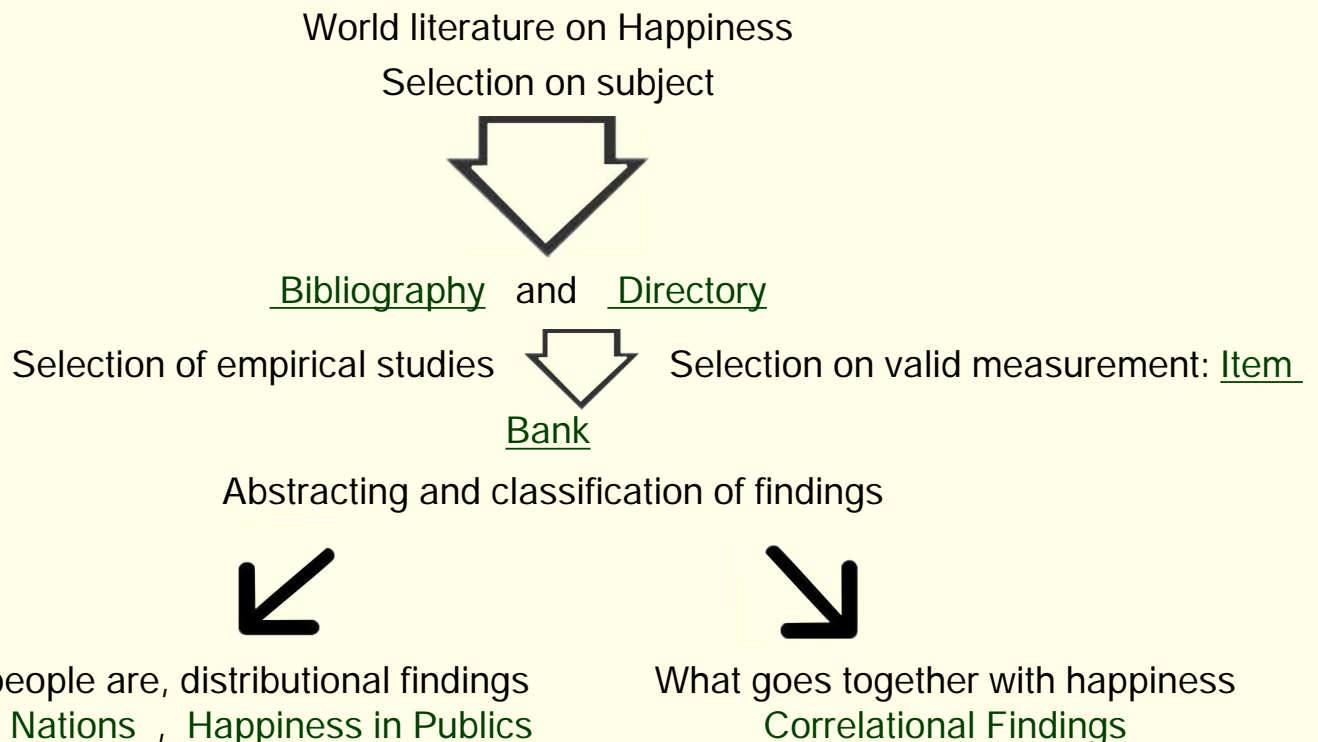
Appendix 2: Statistics used

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Explanation</i> |
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| DM | <p>DIFFERENCE of MEANS</p> <p>Type: descriptive statistic only.</p> <p>Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric</p> <p>Range: depending on the happiness rating scale of the author; range symmetric about zero.</p> <p>Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness, as measured on the author's rating scale, between the two correlate levels.</p> |

Appendix 3: About the World Database of Happiness

Structure of the collections

The World Database of Happiness is an ongoing register of scientific research on the subjective enjoyment of life. It brings together findings that are scattered throughout many studies and provides a basis for synthetic work.





Listing of comparable findings in Nations

[States of Nations](#) , [Trends in Nations](#)

Size of the collections

1226 Happiness measures (Item Bank)

4258 Nations surveys in 206 Nations

149 Distinguished publics in 1199 studies

12032 Correlational findings in 1196 studies

Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

| <i>Main Subjects</i> | <i>Subject Description</i> | <i>Number of Studies</i> |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| A1 | ACTIVITY: LEVEL (how much one does) | 58 |
| A2 | ACTIVITY: PATTERN (what one does) | 32 |
| A3 | AFFECTIVE LIFE | 48 |
| A4 | AGE | 400 |
| A5 | AGGRESSION | 12 |
| A6 | ANOMY | 32 |
| A7 | APPEARANCE (good looks) | 15 |
| A8 | ATTITUDES | 6 |
| A9 | AUTHORITARIANISM | 4 |
| B1 | BIRTH CONTROL | 1 |
| B2 | BIRTH HISTORY (own birth) | 201 |
| B3 | BODY | 77 |
| C1 | CHILDREN | 1 |
| C2 | CHILDREN: WANT FOR (Parental aspirations) | 6 |
| C3 | CHILDREN: HAVING (parental status) | 195 |
| C4 | CHILDREN: CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE'S CHILDREN | 25 |
| C5 | CHILDREN: RELATION WITH ONE'S CHILDREN | 8 |
| C6 | CHILDREN: REARING OF ONE'S CHILDREN (parental behavior) | 26 |
| C7 | COMMUNAL LIVING | 9 |
| C8 | CONCERNS | 18 |
| C9 | COPING | 43 |
| C10 | CREATIVENESS | 6 |
| C11 | CULTURE (Arts and Sciences) | 8 |
| D1 | DAILY JOYS & HASSLES | 5 |
| E1 | EDUCATION | 302 |

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| E2 | EMPLOYMENT | 363 |
| E3 | ETHNICITY | 98 |
| E4 | EXPRESSIVE BEHAVIOR | 12 |
| F1 | FAMILY OF ORIGIN (earlier family for adults, current for young) | 236 |
| F2 | FAMILY OF PROCREATION | 58 |
| F3 | FAMILY OF RELATIVES | 157 |
| F4 | FARMING | 25 |
| F5 | FREEDOM | 32 |
| F6 | FRIENDSHIP | 152 |
| G1 | GENDER | 370 |
| G2 | GRIEF | 1 |
| H1 | HABITS | 1 |
| H2 | HANDICAP | 25 |
| H3 | HAPPINESS: VIEWS ON HAPPINESS | 49 |
| H4 | HAPPINESS: DISPERSION OF HAPPINESS | 10 |
| H5 | HAPPINESS: CAREER | 191 |
| H6 | HAPPINESS: CORRESPONDENCE OF DIFFERENT MEASURES | 310 |
| H7 | HAPPINESS OF OTHERS | 0 |
| H8 | HAPPINESS: REPUTATION OF HAPPINESS | 19 |
| H9 | HEALTH-BEHAVIOR | 25 |
| H10 | HELPING | 5 |
| H11 | HOPE | 8 |
| H12 | HOUSEHOLD: COMPOSITION | 137 |
| H13 | HOUSEHOLD: WORK | 32 |
| H14 | HOUSING | 106 |
| I1 | INCOME | 552 |
| I2 | INSTITUTIONAL LIVING | 43 |
| I3 | INTELLIGENCE | 71 |
| I4 | INTERESTS | 8 |
| I5 | INTERVIEW | 73 |
| I6 | INTIMACY | 103 |
| L1 | LANGUAGE | 2 |
| L2 | LEADERSHIP | 8 |
| L3 | LEISURE | 206 |
| L4 | LIFE APPRAISALS: OTHER THAN HAPPINESS | 368 |
| L5 | LIFE CHANGE | 35 |
| L6 | LIFE EVENTS | 86 |
| L7 | LIFE GOALS | 75 |
| L8 | LIFE HISTORY | 2 |

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| L9 | LIFE STYLE | 22 |
| L10 | LOCAL ENVIRONMENT | 374 |
| L11 | LOTTERY | 8 |
| L12 | LOVE-LIFE | 31 |
| M1 | MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER | 64 |
| M2 | MARRIAGE: CURRENT MARITAL STATUS | 543 |
| M3 | MARRIAGE: RELATIONSHIP | 115 |
| M4 | MARRIAGE: PARTNER | 46 |
| M5 | MEANING | 23 |
| M6 | MEDICAL TREATMENT | 81 |
| M7 | MENTAL HEALTH | 218 |
| M8 | MIGRATION: TO OTHER COUNTRY | 29 |
| M9 | MIGRATION: MOVING WITHIN COUNTRY (residential mobility) | 17 |
| M10 | MIGRATION: MIGRANT WORK | 3 |
| M11 | MILITARY LIFE | 7 |
| M12 | MODERNITY | 6 |
| M13 | MOOD | 246 |
| M14 | MOTIVATION | 7 |
| N1 | NATION: NATIONALITY | 29 |
| N2 | NATION: ERA (temporal period) | 41 |
| N3 | NATION: NATIONAL CHARACTER (modal personality) | 29 |
| N4 | NATION: CONDITION IN ONE'S NATION | 430 |
| N5 | NATION: POSITION OF ONE'S NATION | 1 |
| N6 | NATION: ATTITUDES TO ONES NATION | 152 |
| N7 | NATION: LIVABILITY OF ONE'S NATION | 17 |
| N8 | NATION i: ATTITUDES IN | 1 |
| N9 | REGION IN NATION | 59 |
| N10 | NUTRITION | 23 |
| N21 | ERA | 0 |
| O1 | OCCUPATION | 178 |
| O2 | ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION | 17 |
| P1 | PERSONALITY: HISTORY | 48 |
| P2 | PERSONALITY: CHANGE | 10 |
| P3 | PERSONALITY: CURRENT ORGANIZATION | 7 |
| P4 | PERSONALITY: CURRENT TRAITS | 462 |
| P5 | PERSONALITY: LATER | 23 |
| P6 | PHYSICAL HEALTH | 427 |
| P7 | PLANNING | 11 |
| P8 | POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR | 231 |

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| P9 | POPULARITY | 26 |
| P10 | POSSESSIONS | 60 |
| P11 | PRISON | 1 |
| P12 | PROBLEMS | 25 |
| P13 | PSYCHO-SOMATIC COMPLAINTS | 62 |
| P14 | PETS | 3 |
| R1 | RELIGION | 251 |
| R2 | RESOURCES | 9 |
| R3 | RETIREMENT | 89 |
| R4 | ROLES | 23 |
| S1 | SCHOOL | 129 |
| S2 | SELF-IMAGE | 237 |
| S3 | SEX-LIFE | 61 |
| S4 | SLEEP | 16 |
| S5 | SOCIAL MOBILITY | 17 |
| S6 | SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: PERSONAL CONTACTS | 69 |
| S7 | SOCIAL PARTICIPATION : VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS | 131 |
| S8 | SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: TOTAL (personal + associations) | 34 |
| S9 | SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS | 154 |
| S10 | SOCIAL SUPPORT: RECEIVED | 62 |
| S11 | SOCIAL SUPPORT: PROVIDED | 6 |
| S12 | SPORTS | 38 |
| S13 | STIMULANTS | 49 |
| S14 | SUICIDE | 8 |
| S15 | SUMMED DETERMINANTS | 92 |
| T1 | TIME | 53 |
| T2 | THERAPY | 38 |
| T3 | TOLERANCE | 37 |
| V1 | VALUES: CAREER | 8 |
| V2 | VALUES: CURRENT PREFERENCES (own) | 73 |
| V3 | VALUES: CLIMATE (current values in environment) | 7 |
| V4 | VALUES: SIMILARITY (current fit with others) | 12 |
| V5 | VICTIM | 14 |
| W1 | WAR | 5 |
| W2 | WISDOM | 2 |
| W3 | WORK: CAREER | 2 |
| W4 | WORK: CONDITIONS | 68 |
| W5 | WORK: ATTITUDES | 347 |
| W6 | WORK: PERFORMANCE (current) | 29 |

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| W7 | WORRIES | 31 |
| XX | UNCLASSIFIED | 25 |

Appendix 5: Related Subjects

| <i>Subject</i> | <i>Related Subject(s)</i> |
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A report of the World Database of Happiness, Correlational Findings