

# World Database of Happiness



## Correlational Findings on Happiness and PRISON Subject Code: P11

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### Classification of Findings

| <i>Subject Code</i> | <i>Description</i>                                  | <i>Nr of Studies on this Subject</i> |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| P11                 | PRISON  | 0                                    |
| P11.1               | Prison career                                       | 0                                    |
| P11.1.1             | Earlier imprisoned                                  | 0                                    |
| P11.1.2             | Change in imprisonment                              | 0                                    |
| P11.1.2.1           | . recently in prison                                | 0                                    |
| P11.1.2.2           | . recently left prison                              | 0                                    |
| P11.1.4             | Later imprisonment                                  | 0                                    |
| P11.2               | Current imprisonment                                | 1                                    |
| P11.3               | Attitudes to imprisonment                           | 0                                    |
| Appendix 1          | Happiness Items used                                |                                      |
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## Correlational finding on Happiness and Current imprisonment

Subject code: P11.2

### Study **PAPPO 2004**

*Reported in:* Pappot, T.; Phaff, J.  
 Geluk onder Gedetineerden. (Happiness in Jail).  
 Research Paper University Amsterdam, Department of Psychology, 2004, Netherlands  
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*Population:* Prisoners and controls, The Netherlands, 2004

*Sample:* Non-probability chunk sample

*Non-Response:* 40%

*N:* 42

### Correlate

*Authors label:* prisoners

*Our classification:* Current imprisonment, code P11.2

*Measurement:* 1: controls  
 2: prisoners

*Measured Values:* prisoners: N=16, controls: N=9

### Observed Relation with Happiness

| <i>Happiness Measure</i> | <i>Statistics</i>               | <i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>            |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <u>M-FH/g/sq/n/11/d</u>  | <u>DM=-</u><br><u>p&lt;.148</u> | controls: M=2.36<br>prisoners: M=1.59 |

A-ARE/m/sqr/n/11/a DM=- controls: M=1.73  
p<.000 prisoners: M=0.25

Personality was assessed but could not be controlled, due to limited cases. Differences between prisoners and controls were small, also with respect to age and etnical background.

## Appendix 1: Happiness Items used

| <i>Happiness Item Code</i> | <i>Full Text</i>   |
|----------------------------|--|
| A-ARE/m/sqr/n/11/a         | <p>Selfreport on single question, repeated 3 times a day during 10 days</p> <p>How happy do you feel AT THIS MOMENT? Select the number which best describes your happiness. -5 is very unhappy, 0 is neutral, and 5 is very happy</p> <p>- 5 very unhappy<br/> -4<br/> -3<br/> -2<br/> -1<br/> 0<br/> 1<br/> 2<br/> 3<br/> 4<br/> 5 very happy</p> <p>Computation: recoded 0 to 10, where -5 is 0 and +5 is 10</p> |
| M-FH/g/sq/n/11/d           | <p>Selfreport on single question:</p> <p>How happy do you feel IN GENERAL? Select the number which best describes your happiness. Very unhappy is -5 and very happy is 5</p> <p>- 5 very unhappy<br/> -4<br/> -3<br/> -2<br/> -1<br/> 0<br/> 1<br/> 2<br/> 3<br/> 4<br/> 5 very happy</p>  |

Computation: recoded 0 to 10, where -5 is 0 and +5 is 10

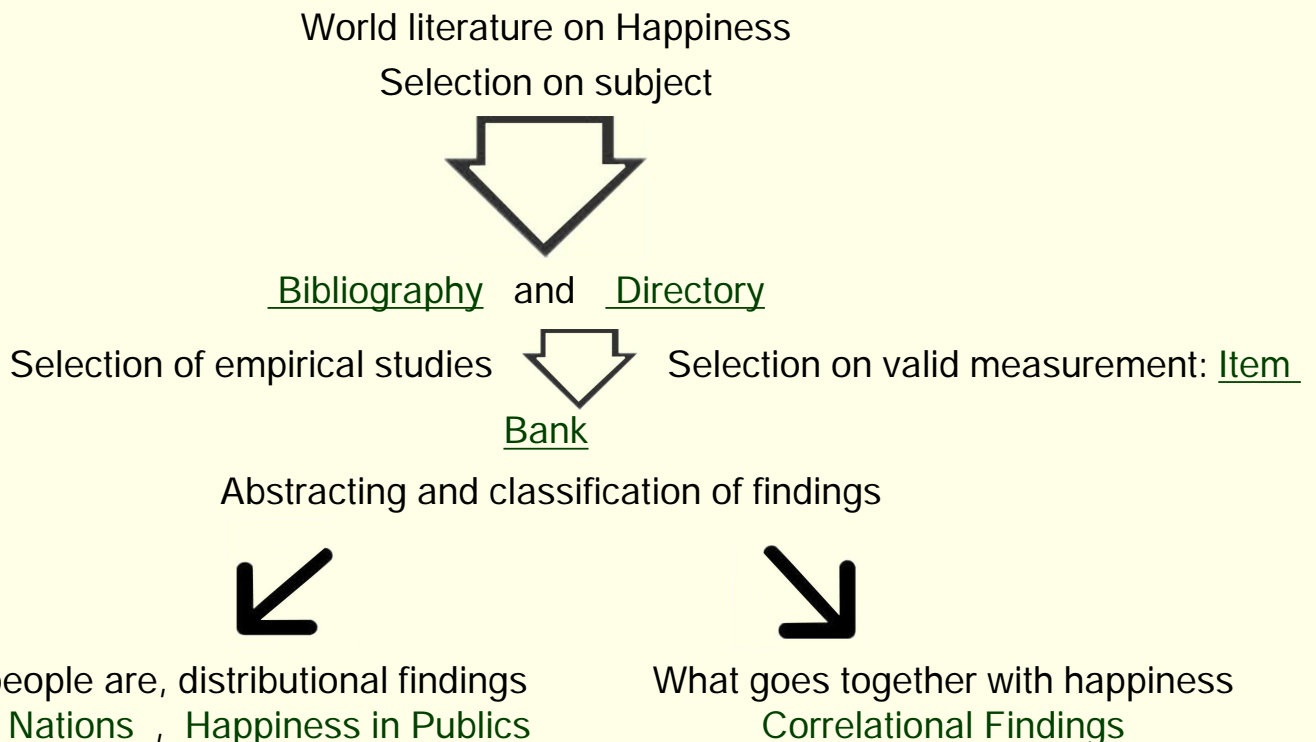
## Appendix 2: Statistics used

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Explanation</i>   |
|---------------|--|
| 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  |

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

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## Appendix 5: Related Subjects

| <i>Subject</i> | <i>Related Subject(s)</i> |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| P11 PRISON     | I2 INSTITUTIONAL LIVING   |
| P11 PRISON     | L6 LIFE EVENTS            |

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