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World Database of Happiness

Correlational Findings
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Findings on Happiness & COPING

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C 9.1.2	Change in coping	0			
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C 9.2	Current coping	0			
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C 9.2.2	Current coping-capacity	1			
C 9.2.3	Current coping-success	0			
C 9.2.3.1	. self-perceived success	1			
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Correlate Code: C 9

Study SPANI 1982 Page in Report: 717

Reported in: Spanier, G.B.; Furstenberg, F.F.

Remarriage after divorce: a longitudinal analysis of well-being

Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1982, 709-720.

Population: Separated, followed 2 years, Pennsylvania, USA, 1977-79

Sample:

Non-Response: T1: 39 %, T2: 48

%

N: T1: 210, T2: 180

Measured Correlate

Class: Earlier coping Code: C 9.1.1

Measurement: 0 Not-iniatiators

1 Initiators

Those who decided on divorce mutually

excluded (13 % of the sample)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/c/sq/l/11/a SNR= ns No difference in Level of happiness at T1 and T2

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O-SLS/c/sq/v/5/a SNR= ns No difference in level of happiness at T1

Significant difference of happiness at T2

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Reported in: Simmons, R.G., Klein, S.D., Simmons, R.L.

Gift of life: the social and psychological impact of organ transplantation, ISBN 0-471-

Wiley, New York, 1977

Population: Kidney donors followed before and after donation, USA, 1970-1973

Sample:

Non-Response:

N: 133

Measured Correlate

Class: Later coping Code: C 9.1.4

Measurement: 7-item index of closed questions

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa r= ns Happi ness as assessed at T1 (pre-transplant)

G=+.44 p<..001 G=+.07 p<..05

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Non-Response:

N: 133

Measured Correlate

Class: Later coping Code: C 9.1.4

Measurement: Amount of negative feelings towards donation one year after.

Measured Values: Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

M-AO/g/mg/v/5/a r=-.27 p<.005 Happiness as assessed before transplant (T1).

Least happy donors at T1 report most negative

feelings at T3.

G=+.35 p<..02

G=+.29 p<..02

G=-.05 ns

Study ABBEY 1983 Page in Report: 273

Reported in: Abbey, A.; Dunkel-Schetter, C.; Brickman, P.

Handling the stress of looking for a job in law school

Basic and Applied Social Psychology, 1983, vol.4, 263-278

Population: Law school students, Chicago, USA, 198?

Sample: Non-probability chunk sample

Non-Response: ?

N: 85

Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-style Code: C 9.2.1

Measurement: Respondents were asked if they talked with their fellow students

about their job situation, and with family and friends.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/g/sq/n/9/a DM=+ ns Distribution skewed (92% of the students talked

about their job situation to fellow students,

88% to family and friends).

Study GOODH 1985 Page in Report: 223

Reported in: Goodhart, D.E.

Some psychological effects associated with positive and negative thinking about

Correlate Code: C 9

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 1985, Vol. 48,p. 216-232.

Population: Students in stress, followed 8 weeks, Illinois, USA, 1983

Sample:

Non-Response: 1.7% dropout

N: 173

Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-style Code: C 9.2.1

Measurement: Ss were invited to think of a stressful event in the recent past

and then complete a 46-item event-outcome-appraisal questionnaire (Goodhart 1981); 20 items in the questionnaire described negative

outcomes.

Typical items are: Self-relevant items:

 I began to feel that I was doing little toward my life enjoyment or

personal development.

2. I became more uncertain about who I

am or want to become.

3. I began to doubt whether my present career plans are consistent with

true interests and skills. Externally relevant items:

1. The event made it more difficult to carry out ordinary daily activities.

2. The event created a financial

strai n.

3. Others were unaware of or insensitive to my difficulties.

Negative thinking assessed at T1.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-DT/u/sq/v/7/a Beta=-.4 p<.001 T1 negative thinking by T1 happiness.

-Self relevant thinking β =-.37 (001) -Externally relevant thinking β =-.00 (ns) β 's controlled for T1 positive thinking.

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Beta=-.3 p<.001 T1 negative thinking by T2 happiness. -Self relevant thinking β =-.36 (001) -Externally relevant thinking β =-.00 (ns) β 's controlled for T1 positive thinking.

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Typical items are: Self-relevant items:

1. I developed greater trust in my judgments of situations or people.

2. I modified personal or career goals to more closely match my true interests, abilities or values.

3. By coping with events, I gained confidence in my ability to handle other difficulties.

Externally relevant items:

1. I learned to consider others' advice when planning career or personal development goals.

2. I discovered I could rely on others for help in getting through

di ffi cul ti es.

3. Others became more sympathetic toward my situation or difficulties.

Positive thinking assessed at T1.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

T1 positive thinking by T1 happiness. O-DT/u/sq/v/7/a Beta=+.2 p<.001

-Self relevant thinking: $\beta = +.34 (001)$ -Externally relevant thinking: $\beta = +.00 \text{ (ns)}$ B's controlled for T1 negative thinking.

Beta=+.0 ns

T1 positive thinking by T2 happiness. -Self relevant thinking: β =+.00 -Externally relevant thinking: β =+.14 β 's controlled for T1 negative thinking. $\beta = +.00 \text{ (ns)}$ $\beta = +.14 \text{ (ns)}$ Study ORMEL 1980 Page in Report: 350

Reported in: Ormel,H.

Moeite met leven of een moeilijk leven (Difficulty in livingor a difficult life)

Dissertation 1980, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, publisher: Konstapel,

Groningen, the Netherlands.

Population: 15-60 aged, general public, followed 12 month, The Netherlands, 1967-77

Sample:

Non-Response: 18%

N: 296

Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-style Code: C 9.2.1

Measurement: 8 item additive index about willingness to discuss delicate

matters. Each rated on a 5-point scale.

Typical items are:

It is incomprehensable that people reveal their marriage problems.These days people talk easily about

their problems.

- You have to solve your own problems

without complaining. Assessed at T2(1976)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/c r=+.03 ns T2 happiness by T2 tolerance degree

r=+.12 p<.05 T3 happiness by T2 tolerance degree

Study VEROF 1981 Page in Report: 524

Reported in: Veroff, J.; Douvan, E.; Kulka, R.A.

The Inner American, A Self-portrait from 1957 to 1976

Basic Books, 1981, New York, USA

Population: 21 aged, general public, non-institutionalized, USA, 1976

Sample:

Non-Response: 29%

N: 2264

Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-style Code: C 9.2.1

Measurement: Praying when unhappy:

0 No

1 Yes

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa G=+.06 p<.01 1957

tc=+.03 p<.01

G=+.11 p<.01 1976

tc=+.04 ns

% very happy: 1957 1976

- Yes 37 35

- No 32 29

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Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-style Code: C 9.2.1

Measurement: Affirmative response to open question.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa G=+.26 p<.01 1957

tc=+.14 p<.01

G=+.15 p<.01 1976

tc=+.08 p<.01 1976

Study ZAUTR 1977 Page in Report: 88-93

Reported in: Zautra, A., Beier, E. and Cappel, L.

The dimensions of life quality in a community

American Journal of Community Psychology, 1977, vol.5, no.1, page 85-97

Population: 18+ aged, general public, Salt Lake County, USA, 197?

Sample:

Non-Response: 15%

N: 454

Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-style Code: C 9.2.1

Measurement: Factor Loading on:

-Relaxation/escape -Family resources

Respondent score depended on whether or not he mentioned these items as response to the open-ended question "What are some of the things that keep you going, that get you through the bad days?"

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-SLW/u/sqt/v/7/a r= ns

Study GEHMA 1992B Page in Report: 180

Reported in: Gehmacher, E.

Sport, Gesundheit und Lebenszufriedenheit (Sport, Health and Life-satisfaction) Ehalt, H. Ch. & Weiss, O. (eds) Sport; Zwischen Disziplinierung und neuen sozialen

Bewegungen p 170-184

Population: Military men, cadres, Austria, 1989

Sample:

Non-Response:

N: 1350

Measured Correlate

Class: Current coping-capacity Code: C 9.2.2

Measurement: Factor based on responses to

16 item `sense of coherence' test

Antonovski. Denotes ego-strength in stressfull situations.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-SLu/c/sq/n/5/a rpc=+.35 direct effects of age, sporting and physical health

partialed out

Study BAKKE 1974 Page in Report: 28

Reported in: Bakker, P. & Berg, N. van de

Determinants and correlates of happiness.

Unpublished thesis, 1974, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Population: 20-65 aged, general public, The Netherlands, 1968

Sample:

Non-Response: 34% refusal and

unattainable.

N: 1552

Measured Correlate

Class: . self-perceived success Code: C 9.2.3.1

Measurement: Question on coping with death of one of both parents, or

separetion of parents during childhood: very bad / rather bad /

so-so / rather well / very well.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HP/g/sq/ol/7/a G=+.36 ns Computed for those who reported death or separation

of parents before the age of 20.

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N: 296

Measured Correlate

Class: . coping-success rating by others Code: C 9.2.3.2

Measurement: Adequacy of coping with reported life- events. Rated by

independent judges on a 7-point scale, for each event reported,

average score.

Assessed at T2(1976)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query	Statistics	Remarks
A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/c	r=+.26 p<.01	T2 happiness by T2 adequacy of coping.
	r=+.30 p<.01	T3 happiness by T2 adequacy of coping.
	ßL=08	T2 happiness by T2 adequacy of coping. BL path coefficient in a LISREL model, also involving neuroticism, selfesteem, internal control, intimacy with partner, self- and externally induced burdens.
	ßL=+.09	T3 happiness by T3 adequacy of coping. ßL path-coefficient in a LISREL model, also involving neuroticism, selfesteem, internal control, intimacy with partner and quality of life.

Study BANKO 1981 Page in Report: 118

Reported in: Bankoff, E.A.

Effects of friendship support on the psychological well-being of widows.

Research in the Interweave of Social Roles: Friendship, vol.2, 1981, p.109-139

Population: Widowed women in grief, USA, 198?

Sample:

Non-Response: 50%

N: 447

Measured Correlate

Class: . coping with divorce/widowhood Code: C 9.2.4.1

Measurement: Stage of mourning process of widows:

O: Crisis Loss phase: Husband died Less than 18 months ago. Ss reports

to be still in intense grief.

1: Transition loss phase: Husband died 2-5 years ago. Ss reports grieving

to a limited extent.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/e DM=+ p<.05 0: M=.3 Mt' = 5.4

1: M=. 9 Mt' = 6. 1

Study CHIRI 1977A Page in Report: 102

Reported in: Chiriboga, D, A. & Cutler, L.

Stress Responses among Divorcing Men and Women.

Journal of Divorce, Vol.1, 1977, pag 95-106

Population: Recently divorced, California, USA, 1977

Sample:

Non-Response:

N: 252

Measured Correlate

Class: . coping with divorce/widowhood Code: C 9.2.4.1

Measurement: Respondents were interrogated about 23

aspects of adaptation in 6 phases of the divorce proces.

Aspects of adaptation were a.o. sleeping, worries, weightlose,

smoking and drinking.

Phases were: before decision, during

decision, at final separation, at filing of decree, at final

decree and the present situation.

By means of cluster analysis 6 types of

response were identified, ranging from least to most stressfull.

resol vi ng
 resol ved

3: minimal involvement

4: mixed5: somatizors6: personal crisis

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/d DMt=- p<.01 1: resolving M = 17.28

No Mt' computed because of unknown range of

indicator.

O-HL/u/sq/v/3/a	DMt=-	1: resolving 2: resolved 3: maximal involvement 4: mixed 5: somatizors 6: personal crisis	M = 1.66 M = 1.65 M = 1.91 M = 1.92 M = 2.20 M = 2.50	Mt' = 3.3 Mt' = 3.3 Mt' = 4.6 Mt' = 4.6 Mt' = 6.0 Mt' = 7.5
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Study NELSO 1981 Page in Report: 77

Reported in: Nelson, G.

Moderators of women's and children's adjustment following parental divorce.

Journal of Divorce, Vol 4, 1981, p.71-83

Population: Recently divorced women, Manitoba, USA, 1978

Sample:

Non-Response: 56%

V: 15

Measured Correlate

Class: . coping with divorce/widowhood Code: C 9.2.4.1

Measurement: Single direct question rated on a 5-point scale.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

A-BB/cm/mg/v/2/a r=+.76 p<.01 Women who were somewhat positive about their ex-

husbands, as compared to those who were either very positive or not at all positive, had the best

emotional adjustment (Very positive: r = +.17,

Somewhat positive: r = +.67).

Study NEWMA 1981/1 Page in Report: 225

Reported in: Newman, H.M.; Langer, E.J.

Post-divorce adaptation and the attribution of responsability

Sex Roles, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 223-232

Population: Recently divorced women, New York City, USA, 198?

Sample:

Non-Response:

V: 22

Measured Correlate

Class: . coping with divorce/widowhood Code: C 9.2.4.1

Measurement: 0 Person vs interactive attributions:

incompatability (sexual or otherwise), changing values of

lifestyle, lack of closeness or love, lack of communica-tion, and money

problems.

1 Person attributions: spouse's emotional immaturity, psychological problems or irrational behavior, selfishness or inconsideration, excessive gambling or drinking.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

M-FH/se/oq/?/0/a D%=- 55% of the interactive group were happy as compa-

red to only 30% of the person-attribution group.

Study NEWMA 1981/2 Page in Report: 227

Reported in: Newman, H.M.; Langer, E.J.

Post-divorce adaptation and the attribution of responsibility

Sex Roles, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 223-232

Population: Recently divorced women, followed six months, New York City, USA, 198?

Sample:

Non-Response:

N: 66

Measured Correlate

Class: . coping with divorce/widowhood Code: C 9.2.4.1

Measurement: 0. Did not initiated divorce

1. Initiated divorce

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

M-FH/md/cd/n/10/a SNR= ns

DM= ns

O-H?/?/sq/n/101/a DM=. ns

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N: 66

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Measurement: Person vs interactive attributions:

O. Interactive attributions: incompatability (sexual or otherwise), changing values of lifestyle, lack of closeness or love, lack of communication, and

money problems.

1. Person attributions: spouse's emotional immaturity, psychological problems or irrational behavior, selfishness or inconsideration, excessive gambling or drinking.

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Observed Relation with Happiness

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M-FH/md/cd/n/10/a DM=. ns No difference between the interactive group and the

person attribution group was found with regard to

happiness level.

O-H?/ $\frac{p<.05}{1}$ T1: 72 % of the interactive group were happy as

compared to 48 % of the person attribution group.

(Chi 2 =4.67, p<.05).

T2: Six months later happiness was again assessed (by telephone). Subjects who had earlier made interactive attributions appeared again the most happy. (interactive M=7.7, person M=6.6 p<.05).

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Andrews, F.M. & Withey, S.B. Reported in:

Social Indicators of Well-being: Americans' Perceptions of Life Quality

Plenum Press, 1976, New York, USA

18+ aged, general public, non-institutionalized, USA, 1973/3 Population:

Sample:

26% Non-Response:

1433

Measured Correlate

Class: Satisfaction with own coping with life-change Code: C 9.3.1

Closed question: "How do you feel about the extent to which you Measurement:

can adjust to changes in your life?"

Rated on a 7-point scale: terrible/ unhappy/ mostly dissatisfied/

mixed/ mostly satisfied/ pleased/ delighted

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a $E^2 = +.44$

> B controlled for 7 criterion satisfactions Beta=+.1

> > (physical needs met, yourself, how fairly treated,

develop self, interesting daily life, fun and

enjoyment, financial security).

B controlled for 7 criterion satisfactions (see Beta=.10

above) and 6 sociodemographic variables (familylife-cycle stage, age, family income, education,

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(physical needs met, yourself, how fairly treated,

develop self, interesting daily life, fun and

enjoyment, financial security).

Beta=+.1 ß controlled for sociodemographic variables (family

life-cycle, age, family income, education, race, sex) and 7 criterion satisfactions. (see above)

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Study FORTI 1983 Page in Report:

Reported in: Th.J. Forti, M.S. Hyg

A Documented Evaluation of Primary Prevention through Consultation

Community Mental Health Journal, 1983, p 290-304

Population: Catholic nuns, re-organized cloister, followed 4 years, Louisiana, USA, 1977-1981

Sample:

Non-Response: T1: 18%, T2:

14%, T3: 23%

N: T1: 146, T2: 154, T3: 137

Measured Correlate

Class: Satisfaction with own coping with life-change Code: C 9.3.1

Measurement: Single closed question: 'How do you feel about extent of

adjustment to change?', rated on a 7-point Delighted-Terrible scale, ranging from (1) Delighted to (7) Terrible, (8) neither.

(order reversed)

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-DT/u/sq/f/7/a r=+ T1: 1977 r=+ 31 (01)

T2: 1979 r = +.44 (01) T3: 1981 r = +.41 (01)

Both variables assessed at T1, T2, and T3. Correlation concerns same time measures.

Study HEADE 1981 Page in Report: 166

Reported in: Headey, B.

The Quality of Life in Australia

Social Indicators Research, 1981, Vol. 9, 155-181

Population: Adults, general public, Australia 1978

Sample: Probability sample (unspecified)

Non-Response: not reported

N: 679

Measured Correlate

Class: Satisfaction with own coping with life-change Code: C 9.3.1

Measurement: Index of two single questions on:

a: The way you handle problems that come up in your life b: Extent to which you can adjust to changes in your life Both items scored on 1-9 D-T rating scale, summation by average.

Measured Values: M = 6.5 SD = 1.3

Error Estimates:

Remarks: Both items scored on the same rating scale as the question on happiness.

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-DT/u/sqt/v/9/a r=+.55 p<.001

Beta=+.1 Both items scored on the same rating scale as the

Beta's controlled for satisfaction with

- self-fulfillment

- sex life

- family activities

- work around the house

- mother

- heal th

- house

- standard of living

- asserti veness

- friends

- fun and enjoyment

- marriage

Beta=+.0

married cases

Beta's controlled for satisfaction with

- self-fulfillment
- sex life
- family activities
- work around the house
- mother
- heal th
- house
- standard of living
- asserti veness
- friends
- fun and enjoyment
- marriage

Study BRAEN 1991 Page in Report: 103

Reported in: Braenholm, I-B., Eklund, M., Fugl-Meyer, K.S. & Fugl-Meyer, A.R.

On Work and Life Satisfaction

M.Eklund: On vocational rehabilitation in Northern Sweden, Diss. 1991 Univ. of

Umea, pp 95-107

Population: 25-55 aged, vocationally actives, Umea, Northern Sweden, 1986/87

Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response:

N: 163

Measured Correlate

Class: Satisfaction with self care Code: C 9.3.2

Measurement: How satisfactory is this aspect of your life?....

Ability to manage my self care (dressing hygiene, transfers, etc)

1 very dissatisfying 2 dissatisfying 3 rather dissatisfying 4 rather satisfying

5 satisfying 6 very satisfying

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-SLW/u/sq/v/6/a rs=+.21 p<.01

Appendix 1

Queries on Happiness used in reported Studies

Happiness Query Code Full Text

A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a

Selfreport on 10 questions:

"During the past few weeks, did you ever feel?" (yes/no)

- A Particularly exited or interested in something?
- B So restless that you couldn't sit long in a chair?
- C Proud because someone complimented you on something you had done?
- D Very lonely or remote from other people?
- E Pleased about having accomplished something?
- F Bored?
- G On top of the world?
- H Depressed or very unhappy?
- I That things were going your way?
- J Upset because someone criticized you?

Answer options and scoring:

yes = 1

no = 0

Summation:

- -Positive Affect Score (PAS): A+C+E+G+I -Negative Affect Score (NAS): B+D+F+H+J
- -Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Possible range: -5 to +5

Name: Bradburn's 'Affect Balance Scale' (standard version)

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/c

Selfreport on 8 questions:

- " In the past few weeks did you ever feel.....?"
- A Pleased about having accomplished something
- B Upset because someone critized you
- C Proud because someone complimented you one something you had done
- D That things are going your way
- E So restless you couldn't sit long in a chair
- F Unhappy or depressed
- G Particularly interested in something
- H Lonely and remote from other people

Response options:

- 0 not at all
- 1 sometimes
- 2 often
- 3 very often

Scoring: a = 0.....d = 3

Summation:

Positive Affect Score (PAS): summed scores on A, C, D, G

Negative Affect Score (NAS): summed scores on B, E, F, H Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Name: Bradburn's Affect Balance Scale (variant)

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/d

Selfreport on 8 questions.

"During the past week, did you ever feel.....?"

A very lonely B restless

C bored

D depressed

E on top of the world

F exited or interested

G pleased about accomplishment

H proud

Answer options:

1 never

2 once

3 several times

4 often

Summation:

-Positive Affect Score (PAS): E+F+G+H
-Negative Affect Score (NAS): A+B+C+D
-Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS-NAS+13

Name: Bradburn's Affect Balance Scale (modified version)

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/e

Selfreport on 9 questions:

"We are interested in the way people are feeling these days. The following list describes some of the ways people feel at different times. Please indicate how often you felt each way during the last week.

"How often last week did you feel?"

- A On the top of the world
- B Very lonely or remote from other people
- C Particularly excited or interested in something
- D Depressed or very unhappy
- E Pleased about having accomplished something
- F Bored
- G Proud because someone complimented you on something you had done
- H So restless you couldn't sit long in a chair
- I Vaguely uneasy about something without knowing why

Answer options:

- 0 not at all
- 1 once
- 2 several times

3 often

Summation:

Positive Affect Score (PAS): summed scores on A, C, E, G Negative Affect Score (NAS): summed scores on B, D, F, H, I

Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Possible range: -15 tot +12

Selfreport on 6 questions:

Name: Bradburn's `Affect Balance Scale' (modified version)

M-AO/g/mq/v/5/a

A On the whole, how happy would you say you are? B On the whole, I think I am a quite happy person.

C In general, how would you say you feel most of the time -in good or in low spirits?

D I get a lot of fun out of life.

E I wish I could be as happy as others seem to be.

F How often do you feel downcast and rejected?

Response options: not reported

The items of this scale were randomly distributed in the questionaire.

Name: Rosen 'Depressive Affect Scale'

M-FH/md/cd/n/10/a

Selfreport in diary:

Ss kept a structured diary for 10 days. These diaries were scored for happiness by two blind raters.

Scoring options:

1

2

3

4

5

6

7 8

9

10

Scale labels not reported

Summation: ?

M-FH/se/og/?/0/a

Selfreport on open question:

Subjects were asked how they had felt since divorce.

(Full question not reported)

Scoring

The responses were evaluated for how happy the subject seemed to be.

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

(Rating scale not reported)

Selfreport on single question:

"Here is a picture of a ladder. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder respresents 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]
[5]
[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.

O-DT/u/sq/f/7/a

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

Selfreport on single question:

"Which face comes closest to expressing feeling about life as a whole?",

7 delighted

6 very satisfying

5 satisfying

4 mixed

3 dissatisfying

2 very dissatisfying

1 terrible

- No opinion

Name: Andrews & Withey's "Delighted-Terrible Scale" (modified

version)

O-DT/u/sq/v/7/a

Selfreport on single question:

"How do you feel about your life as a whole.....?"

7 delighted

6 pleased

5 mostly satisfied

4 mixed

3 mostly dissatisfied

2 unhappy

1 terrible

Name: Andrews & Withey's `Delighted-Terrible Scale' (original version) O-DT/u/sqt/v/7/a Selfreport on single question, asked twice in interview: "How do you feel about your life as a whole.....?" 7 delighted 6 pleased 5 mostly satisfied 4 mixed 3 mostly dissatisfied 2 unhappy 1 terrible Summation: arithmetic mean Name: Andrews & Withey's "Delighted-Terrible Scale" (original version) O-DT/u/sqt/v/9/a Selfreport on single question asked twice 'How do you feel about your life as a whole?' 1 terrible 2 very unhappy 3 unhappy 4 mostly dissatisfied 5 mixed feelings 6 mostly satisfied 7 pleased 8 very pleased 9 delighted Selfreport on single question: O-H?/?/sq/n/101/a "happiness......" (Full text not reported) Rated on a 100 step bi-polar scale O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa Selfreport on single question: 'Taken all together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say that you are?" 3 very happy 2 pretty happy 1 not too happy O-HL/g/sq/n/9/a Selfreport on single question: "Generally, how happy are you....?" 1 not at all 2 3 4 5 6

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7
                          8
                          9 completely
                          (Originally presented on a horizontal line scale)
O-HL/u/sq/v/3/a
                          Selfreport on single question:
                          "Taking all together: how happy would you say you are? Would you say you
                          are....?"
                          3 very happy
                          2 pretty happy
                          1 not too happy
O-HP/g/sq/ol/7/a
                          Selfreport on single question:
                          "Generally speaking are you a happy person......?"
                          Responses were made on an open line scale, and were later coded in 7
                          categories:
                          1 very unhappy
                          2
                          3
                          4
                          5
                          6
                          7 very happy.
                          Original text in Dutch:
                          "Bent u over het algemeen een gelukkig mens?"
                          a zeer ongelukkig
                          b
                          С
                          d
                          е
                          g zeer gelukkig
O-SLS/c/sq/v/5/a
                          Selfreport on single question:
                          "Taking all things together ( the work you do, where you live, your way of life, the
                          things you do for enjoyment, your health ) how would you say things are these
                          days ...?"
                          1 very good
                          2 pretty good
                          3 so-so
                          4 not too good
                          5 not good at all
O-SLu/c/sq/n/5/a
                          Selfreport on single question:
                          "All in all, are you currently satisfied with your life......?"
                          1 not satisfied
                          2
                          3
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4

5 very satisfied

(Originally presented horizontally)

In German:

"Sind Sie derzeit mit Ihrem Leben in grossen und ganzen zufrieden?

1 nicht zufrieden

2

3

4

5 sehr zufrieden

O-SLW/u/sq/v/6/a

Selfreport on single question:

"How satisfying are these different aspects of your life? Indicate the number which best suits your situation. Life as a whole is....."

1 very dissatisfying

2 dissatisfying

3 rather dissatisfying

4 rather satisfying

5 satisfying

6 very satisfying

This item was followed by eight questions on life domain satisfactions.

O-SLW/u/sqt/v/7/a

Selfreport on single question, asked twice in interview:

"Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole......?"

7 completely satisfied

6

5

4

3

2

1 completely dissatisfied

Summation: both scores added

Possible range: 2 to 14

On the web you will find an overview of valid queries on happiness and an explanation of the classification used. Go to: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness/hap_quer/hqi_fp.htm. This is the introductary text to the Catalog of Happiness Queries.

Appendix 2 Statistics used in reported studies

Symbol Explanation

D%

Beta (ß) STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT

Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happinessl: metric.

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

beta > 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, higher happiness

rating.

beta < 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, lower happiness

rating.

beta = 0 « no correlation.

beta = + 1 or -1 « perfect correlation.

DIFFERENCE in PERCENTAGES
Type: descriptive statistic only.

Measurement level: Correlate level: dichotomous, but nominal or ordinal theoretically

possible as well. Happiness level: dichotomous

Range: [-100; +100]

Meaning: the difference of the percentages happy people at two correlate levels.

DM DIFFERENCE of MEANS

Type: descriptive statistic only.

Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric

Range: depending on the happiness rating scale of the author; range symmetric about

zero.

Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness, as measured on the author's rating

scale, between the two correlate levels.

DMt DIFFERENCE of MEANS AFTER TRANSFORMATION

Type: descriptive statistic only.

Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric

Theoretical range: [-10; +10]

Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness (happiness measured at a 0-10 rating

scale) between the two correlate levels.

E² CORRELATION RATIO (Elsewhere sometimes called h² or ETA)

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: nominal or ordinal, Happiness: metric

Range: [0; 1]

Meaning: correlate is accountable for E² x 100 % of the variation in happiness.

 $E^2 = 0$ « knowledge of the correlate value does not improve the prediction quality of

the happiness rating.

 $E^2 = 1$ « knowledge of the correlate value enables an exact prediction of the

happiness rating

G GOODMAN & Kruskal's GAMMA

Type: test statistic

r

rs

ßL

Correlate Code: C 9

Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happinessl: ordinal

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

G = 0 « no rank correlation

G = +1 « strongest possible rank correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness ratings.

G = -1 « strongest possible rank correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low happiness ratings.

PRODUCT-MOMENT CORRELATION COEFFICIENT (Also "Pearson's correlation coefficient' or simply 'correlation coefficient')

Type: test statistic.

Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

r = 0 « no correlation,

r = 1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness values, and

r = -1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low happiness values.

rpc PARTIAL CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning: a partial correlation between happiness and one of the correlates is that correlation, which remains after accounting for the contribution of the other influences, or some of them, to the total variability in the happiness scores.

Under that conditions

rpc > 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with a higher happiness rating, rpc < 0 « a higher correlate level corresponds with a lower happiness rating,

SPEARMAN'S RANK CORRELATION COEFFICIENT

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: ordinal.

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

rs = 0 « no rank correlation

rs = 1 « perfect rank correlation, where high correlate values are associated with high happiness ratings

rs =-1 « perfect rank correlation, where high correlate values are associated with low happiness ratings

SNR Statistic Not Reported

PATH COEFFICIENT OBTAINED IN A LISREL MODEL.

Range: unlimited, but seldom exceeds [-1, +1].

In the Catalogue of Correlational Findings, this statistic or statistical procedure occurs very rarely only.

The reader is referred to the excerpted publication for detailed information or for further reference.

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Correlate Code: C 9

tc KENDALL'S TAU-C (Also referred to as Stuart's tau-c)

Type: test statistic

Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: ordinal

Range: [-1; +1]

Meaning:

tc = 0 « no rank correlation

tc = 1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond

with high happiness ratings.

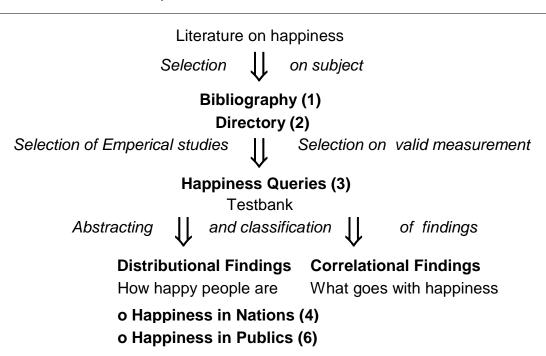
tc = -1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond

with low happiness ratings.

On the web you will find a text explaining the statistics used in more detail. Go to: www.eur.nl/fsw/research/happiness/hap_cor/cor_fp.htm. This is the introductory text to the Catalog of Correlational Findings. An overview of all statistics is in chapter 4.

Appendix 3: About the World Database of Happiness

The World Database of Happiness is an ongoing register of scientific research on subjective appreciation of life. It brings together findings that are scattered throughout many studies and provides a basis for synthetic analysis. The research literature is processed as follows:



- 1 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF HAPPINESS Presents all contemporary scientific publications. Detailed subjectclassification. Current contents: 3422 titles, mainly in English.
- 2 DIRECTORY OF INVESTIGATORS Names and addresses of most authors on the subject. Enumerates years of publication. Current contents: 5818 names and 3073 addresses. Part of Bibliography.
- 3 CATALOG OF HAPPINESS QUERIES (testbank) Presents all indicators that tap happiness as defined here. Current content: 522 measures, mostly single questions. Queries are classified by focus, time reference, mode of observation, rating and wording.
- 4 CATALOG OF HAPPINESS IN NATIONS Presents distributional research findings, in particular responses to questions on happiness in national survey studies. Allows comparison across time and nations. Current content: 1889 surveys in 112 nations, 1946-2000.
- 5 CATALOG OF HAPPINESS IN PUBLICS Distributional findings on happiness in special publics within nations, such as aged people. Current contents: 705 studies. Part of Catalog of Correlational Findings.
- 6 CATALOG OF CORRELATIONAL FINDINGS Presents abstracts of correlational research findings. Detailed subject-classification. Allows comparison through time and across nations. Current contents: 7476 findings from 705 studies in 140 nations, 1911-2000.

Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

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