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# **World Database of Happiness**

Correlational Findings
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# **Findings on Happiness & LOTTERY**

Correlate Code: L 11

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Study BRICK 1978/2 Page in Report: 921

Reported in: Brickman, P., Coates, D. & Janoff-Bulman, R.

Lottery winners and accident victims

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, vol. 36, 1978,p. 917-927

Population: Lottery winners and non-lottery winners, Illinois, USA, 1977

Sample:

Non-Response: 45.5%

N: 108

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Lottery playing Code: L 11.2.1

Measurement: Non-winners vs lottery winners.

1. Lottery winners: won \$50.000 or more

in Illinois State Lottery. N=22, non-response 48%.

2. Non-winners: 86 people living close

to the lottery winners.

N=86, non-response 56%. Consisting of: - buyers of lottery tickets

(N=59)

- non-buyers (N=27).

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

# **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/n/6/a AoV=+ ns Lottery winners: M=4.00 Mt'=8.00

Non-winners/buyers: M=3.81 Mt'=7.62 Non-winners/non-buyers: M=4.00 Mt'=8.00

Unaffected by coverstory (lottery focus or everyday

life focus).

Study BRICK 1978/3 Page in Report: 923

Reported in: Brickman, P., Coates, D. & Janoff-Bulman, R.

Lottery winners and accident victims: Is happiness relative?

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, vol. 36, 1978,p. 917-927

Population: Lottery players, USA and non-player controls, Illinois, USA, 1977

Sample:

Non-Response: 56%

N: 86

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Lottery playing Code: L 11.2.1

Measurement: Direct question on 'how often' and 'how recently' respondent has

bought a lottery ticket.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/n/6/a DM=- ns Buyers: M=3.81 Mt'=7.62

Non-buyers: M=4.00 Mt'=8.00

Study BULAT 1973 Page in Report: 234

Reported in: Bulatao, R.A.

Measures of happiness among Manila residents

Philippine Sociological Review, 1973, vol. 2. p. 229-238

Population: 21+ aged, general public, Metro Manila, Philippines, 1972

Sample:

Non-Response: -

N: 941

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Lottery playing Code: L 11.2.1

Measurement: Direct question on frequency in the past week: not at all / once /

more than once.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-BW/c/sq/l/11/a G = + Mal es : G = -.03

Females: G = +.28

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/f G=+ Mal es : G=-.05

Females: G = +.15

Study BRICK 1978/1 Page in Report: 921

Reported in: Brickman, P., Coates, D. & Janoff-Bulman, R.

Lottery winners and accident victims: Is happiness relative?

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, vol. 36, 1978,p. 917-927

Population: Lottery winners, paralyzed accident victims, and controls, Illinois USA, 1977

Sample:

Non-Response: 45.5%

N: 73

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Lottery winning Code: L 11.2.2

Measurement: Major lottery winners vs accident victims and controls.

1. Lottery winners: won \$50.000 or more

in Illinois State Lottery. N=22, non-response 48%.

 Accident victims: 11 paraplegic and 18 quadraplegic accident victims, drawn from the fulltime patient population of a rehabilitation

institute.

N=29, non-response 15%.

3. Controls: 22 individuals, living in approximately the same areas of the

city as the lottery winners. N=22, non-reponse 41%.

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

### **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/n/6/c DM=+ p<. Lottery winners: M=4.00 Mt'=8.00

Accident victims: M=2.96 Mt'=5.92 Controls: M=3.82 Mt'=7.64

Winners - control difference ns

Winners - victim difference s (p<.01)

Accident victims interviewed face-to-face; winners

and controls interviewed by phone.

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in Illinois State Lottery. N=22, non-response 48%.

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to the lottery winners.

N=86, non-response 56%. Consisting of: - buyers of lottery tickets

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Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

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Unaffected by coverstory (lottery focus or everyday

life focus).

Study SMITH 1975/1 Page in Report: 225

Reported in: Smith, S, & Razzall, P.

The Pools Winners

Caliban Books, London, 1975

Population: Pools winners, UK, 1972

Sample: Non-probability purposive-quota sample

Non-Response:

N: 89

### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Lottery winning Code: L 11.2.2

Measurement: 1. Pool winners

O. Non-winner controls( also pools players, matched by age, sexe

and social background).

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks: See SMITH 1975/2 for data control-group.

## **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/4/c DM=+.30 p<. 1. Winners M= 3.38; SD= 0.37

0. Non-winners M=See SMITHS 1975/212r data control-group.

G=+.50 p<.01

tc=+.26 p<.01

D%= Very happy %

Winners 42 Non-winners 20

77% of the winners indicate they are happier as a

result of the win.

O-SL\*/u/sq/v/4/a DM=+.36 1. Wi nners M= 3. 19; SD= 0. 12 0. Non-wi nners M= 2. 83; SD= 0. 12

G=+.29 p<.01 tc=+.19 p<.01

D%= Never di sappoi nted % 1. Wi nners 59

0. Non-winners 37

Study SMITH 1975/2 Page in Report: 225

Reported in: Smith, S. & Razzall, P.

The Pools Winners

Caliban Books, London, 1975.

Population: Pools players (non -winning) UK,1972

Sample: Non-probability purposive-quota sample

Non-Response:

N: 89

#### **Measured Correlate**

Class: Lottery winning Code: L 11.2.2

Measurement: 1. Pools winners

O. Controls (also pools players, matched by age, sexe and social

background).

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

# **Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Query Statistics Remarks

O-HL/c/sq/v/4/c DM=+.30 See for further measures SMITH 1975/1

# Appendix 1 Queries on Happiness used in reported Studies

Happiness Query Code Full Text

#### O-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 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.

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

#### O-HL/c/sq/n/6/a

Selfreport on single question:

"How happy are you now (not at this moment, but at this stage of life) .....?"

1 not at all

2

3 4

4 5

6 very much

#### O-HL/c/sa/n/6/c

(originally rated on horizontal line scale)

Selfreport on single question:

"How happy are you now (not at this moment, but at this stage of life) .....?" 0 not at all

1

3

3

5 very much

(originally rated on horizontal line scale)

#### O-HL/c/sq/v/3/f

Selfreport on single question:

"Considering everything that has happened to you recently, how would you say

things are with you - would you say you are ....?"

3 very happy2 pretty happy1 not too happy

O-HL/c/sq/v/4/c Selfreport on single question:

"Would you say your life at the moment is ....?"

1 very unhappy

2 unhappy

3 happy

4 very happy

- don't know

O-SL\*/u/sq/v/4/a Selfreport on single question:

"Do you sometimes feel disappointed with life....?"

4 never

3 rarely

2 sometimes

1 often

- don't know

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

AoV ANALYSIS of VARIANCE (ANOVA)

Type: statistical procedure

Measurement level: Correlate(s): nominal, Happiness: metric.

In an ANOVA, the total happiness variability, expressed as the sum of squares, is split into two or more parts, each of which is assigned to a source of variability. At least one of those sources is the variability of the correlate, in case there is only one, and always one other is the residual variability, which includes all unspecified influences on the happiness variable. Each sum of squares has its own number of degrees of freedom (df), which sum up to Ne -1 for the total variability. If a sum of squares (SS) is divided by its own number of df, a mean square (MS) is obtained. The ratio of two correctly selected mean squares has an F-distribution under the hypothesis that the corresponding association has a zero-value.

NOTE: A significantly high F-value only indicates that, in case of a single correlate, the largest of the c mean values is systematically larger than the smallest one. Conclusions about the other pairs of means require the application of a Multiple Comparisons Procedure (see e.g. BONFERRONI'S MULTIPLE COMPARISON TEST, DUNCAN'S MULTIPLE RANGE TEST or STUDENT-NEWMAN-KEULS)

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.

G GOODMAN & Kruskal's GAMMA

Type: test statistic

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.

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

Type: test statistic

D%

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.

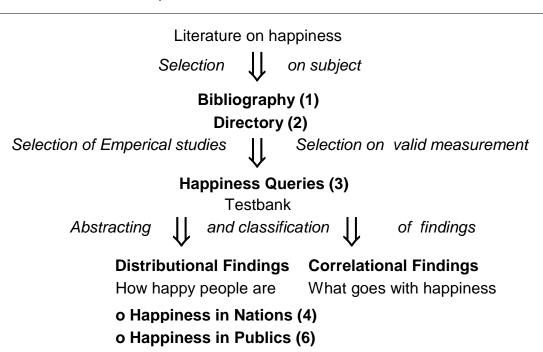
tc = -1 « perfect rank correlation, where high values of the correlate correspond with low happiness ratings.

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.

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# 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.

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# Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

Main Category's	Category Name	Number of Studies in this Category
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A 4	AGE	279
A 5	AGGRESSION	11
A 6	ANOMY	30
A 7	APPEARANCE (good looks)	8
A 8	ATTITUDES	4
A 9	AUTHORITARIANISM	4
B 3	BODY	66
C 1	CHILDREN 1:	4
C 10	CREATIVENESS	6
C 11	CULTURE (Arts and Sciences)	6
C 2	CHILDREN: WANT FOR (Parental aspirations)	6
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C 4	CHILDREN'S CHARACTERISTICS	19
C 5	CHILDREN: RELATION WITH	8
C 6	CHILDREN: REARING (parental behavior)	11
C 7	COMMUNAL LIVING	1
C 8	CONCERNS	15
C 9	COPING	27
D 1	DAILY JOYS & HASSLES	4
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I 4	INTERESTS	5
15	INTERVIEW	49
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N 1	NATIONALITY	5
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S 7	SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS	111
S 8	SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: TOTAL (personal + associations)	25
S 9	SOCIAL STATUS (Socio-Economic Status)	140
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V 1	VALUE CAREER	8
V 2	VALUES: CURRENT PREFERENCES (own)	49
V 3	VALUES: CLIMATE (current values in environment)	4
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W 3	WORK CONDITIONS	34
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W 5	WORK-PERFORMANCE (current)	6	
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# Appendix 5 Related Topics

This Topic Classification Page 1		Related Topics In Subject List on Appendix 4	
L 11.1	Career of lottery involvement		
L 11.2	Current involvement in gambling		
L 11.2.1	Lottery playing		
L 11.2.2	Lottery winning		
L 11.3	Attitudes to own involvement in gambling		

# **End of Report**