



Findings on Happiness & SUICIDE

Correlate Code: S 14

Classification of Findings		Number of Studies on this Subject
Correlate Code	Correlate Name	
S 14	SUICIDE	0
S 14.1	Suicidal career	0
S 14.1.1	Earlier suicidal behavior	1
S 14.1.2	Change in suicidal behavior	0
S 14.1.4	Later suicidal behavior	0
S 14.2	Current suicidal behavior	0
S 14.2.1	Suicidal intentions	3
S 14.2.2	Suicidal attempts	0
S 14.3	Attitudes to own suicidal behavior	0
S 14.4	Attitudes to suicide in general	0

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Study	CAMER 1973/1	<i>Page in Report:</i>	209
<i>Reported in:</i>	Cameron, P., Titus, D.G., Kostin, J. & Kostin, M. The life-satisfaction of non-normal persons. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 1973, vol. 41nr. 2, p. 207-214		
<i>Population:</i>	Handicapped and controls Detroit, USA, 197?		
<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	-		
<i>N:</i>	295		

Measured Correlate

Class: Earlier suicidal behavior Code: S 14.1.1

Measurement: Closed question: no vs yes

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/a	r = -	normals : r = -.28 (.01) handicapped : r = -.11 (ns)

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<i>Sample:</i>			
<i>Non-Response:</i>	-		
<i>N:</i>	295		

Measured Correlate

Class: Suicidal intentions Code: S 14.2.1

Measurement: Closed question: no vs yes

Measured Values:

Error Estimates:

Remarks:

Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Query</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/a	r = - p < .05	normal s : r = -.34 (.01) handicapped : r = -.21 (.05)

Study	VENTE 1995	Page in Report:	254
<i>Reported in:</i>	Ventegodt, S. Livskvalitet i Danmark.(Quality of Life in Denmark) Forskningscentrets Forlag (The Quality of Life Research Center), København, Denmark, ISBN 8790190017		
<i>Population:</i>	18-88 aged, general public, Denmark, 1993		
<i>Sample:</i>	Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)		
<i>Non-Response:</i>	39%		
<i>N:</i>	1494		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Suicidal intentions Code: S 14.2.1
<i>Measurement:</i>	Single question: "Do you sometimes contemplate suicide?" 1: no 2: not sure 3: yes
<i>Measured Values:</i>	N: 1: 1312, 2:60, 3:67
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query	Statistics	Remarks
A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a	r=-.28 p<.00	1: Mt=7. 95 2: Mt=6. 71 3: Mt=5. 41 All Mt=7. 79
O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h	r=-.28 p<.00	1: Mt=7. 13 2: Mt=5. 91 3: Mt=4. 78 All Mt=6. 96
O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e	r=-.40 p<.00	1: Mt=7. 68 2: Mt=6. 21 3: Mt=4. 30 All Mt=7. 46

Study	VENTE 1996	Page in Report:	264
<i>Reported in:</i>	Ventegodt, S. Livskvalitet hos 4500 31-33 årige (The Quality Of Life of 4500 31-33-year-olds) Forskningscenter for Livskvalitet, Forskningscentrets Forlag, København 1996, ISBN 8790190068		
<i>Population:</i>	Persons born at the University Hospital in Copenhagen 1959-1961		
<i>Sample:</i>	Non-probability purposive sample (unspecified)		
<i>Non-Response:</i>	39%		
<i>N:</i>	4500		

Measured Correlate

<i>Class:</i>	Suicidal intentions Code: S 14.2.1
<i>Measurement:</i>	Single question: "Do you sometimes contemplate suicide?" 1: no 2: not sure 3: yes
<i>Measured Values:</i>	N: All:4573; 1:4131; 2:178; 3:264
<i>Error Estimates:</i>	
<i>Remarks:</i>	In the original text the answer was reversed and the correlation was wrongly positive

Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Query	Statistics	Remarks
A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a	r=-.35 p<.00	1: Mt=7. 99 2: Mt=6. 23 3: Mt=5. 01
O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h	r=-.31 p<.00	1: Mt=7. 23 2: Mt=5. 45 3: Mt=4. 85
O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e	r=-.35 p<.00	1: Mt=7. 66 2: Mt=5. 91 3: Mt=4. 60

Appendix 1 Queries on Happiness used in reported Studies

Happiness Query Code Full Text

A-AOL/m/sq/v/5/a Single direct question:
 'How are you feeling now....?'
 5 very good
 4 good
 3 neither good nor poor
 2 poor
 1 very poor

Original text in Danish:
 'Hvordan har du det for tiden?
 5 meget godt
 4 godt
 3 hverken godt eller dårligt
 2 dårligt
 1 meget dårligt

O-HL/c/sq/v/5/h Selfreport on single question
 'How happy are you now?'
 5 very happy
 4 happy
 3 neither happy nor unhappy
 2 unhappy
 1 very unhappy

Original text in Danish:
 'Hvor lykkelig er du for tiden?'
 5 meget lykkelig
 4 lykkelig
 3 hverken eller
 2 ulykkelig
 1 meget ulykkelig

O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/a Selfreport on single question :
 "These days my life is".
 4 just great
 3 more than satisfactory
 2 less than satisfactory
 1 miserable

O-SLu/c/sq/v/5/e Selfreport on single question:
 'How satisfied are you with your life now?'
 5 very satisfied
 2 satisfied
 3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 2 dissatisfied
 1 very dissatisfied

Original text in Danish:

'Hvor tilfreds er du med dit liv for tiden?'

5 meget tilfreds

4 tilfreds

3 hverken tilfreds eller utilfreds

2 utilfreds

1 meget utilfreds

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 introductory text to the Catalog of Happiness Queries.

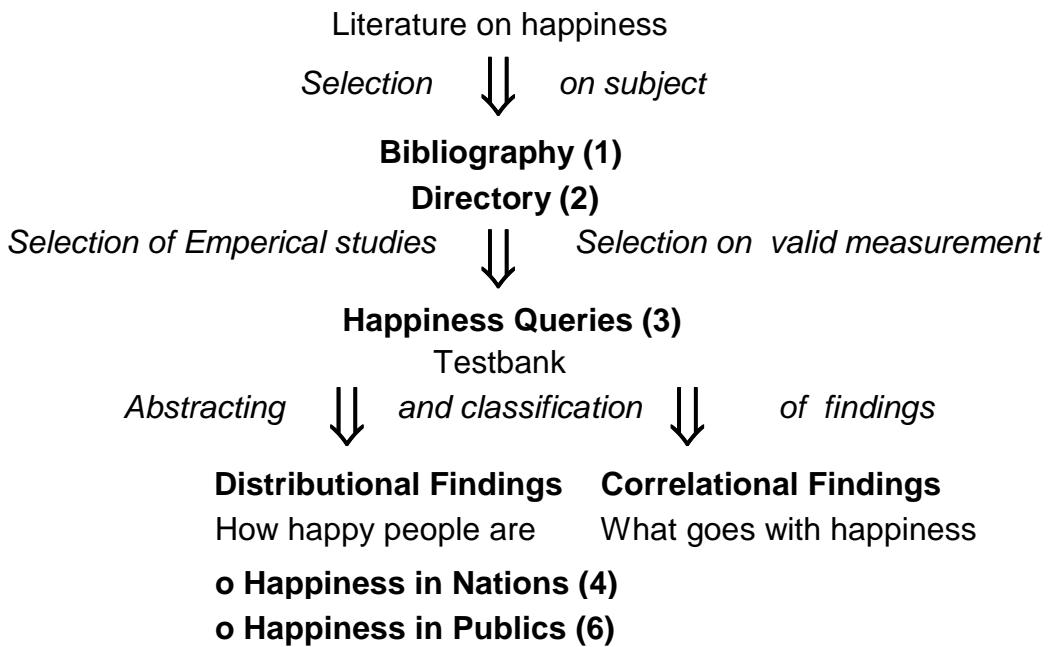
Appendix 2 **Statistics used in reported studies**

Symbol	Explanation
r	<p>PRODUCT-MOMENT CORRELATION COEFFICIENT (Also "Pearson's correlation coefficient" or simply 'correlation coefficient')</p> <p>Type: test statistic.</p> <p>Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric</p> <p>Range: [-1; +1]</p> <p>Meaning:</p> <p>r = 0 « no correlation ,</p> <p>r = 1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness values, and</p> <p>r = -1 « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low happiness values.</p>

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 subject-classification. 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*

Main Category's	Category Name	Number of Studies in this Category
A 1	ACTIVITY LEVEL (how much one does)	53
A 2	ACTIVITY PATTERN (what one does)	7
A 3	AFFECTIVE LIFE	31
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
C 3	CHILDREN: HAVING (parental status)	145
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
E 1	EDUCATION	243
E 2	EMPLOYMENT	180
E 3	ETHNICITY	63
E 4	EXPRESSIVE BEHAVIOR	10
F 1	FAMILY OF ORIGIN (earlier family for adults, current for young)	195
F 2	FAMILY OF PROCREATION	42
F 3	FAMILY OF RELATIVES	145
F 4	FARMING	30
F 5	FREEDOM	24
F 6	FRIENDSHIP	123
G 1	GENDER	252
G 2	GRIEF	1
H 10	HOPE	3
H 11	HOUSEHOLD: COMPOSITION	90
H 12	HOUSEHOLD: WORK	10
H 13	HOUSING	75
H 2	HANDICAP	13

H 3	HAPPINESS: ATTITUDES	39
H 5	HAPPINESS CAREER	144
H 6	HAPPINESS: CURRENT LEVEL	260
H 8	HEALTH-BEHAVIOR	15
H 9	HELPING	4
I 1	INCOME	415
I 2	INSTITUTIONAL LIVING	28
I 3	INTELLIGENCE	63
I 4	INTERESTS	5
I 5	INTERVIEW	49
I 6	INTIMACY	70
L 1	LANGUAGE	1
L 10	LOCAL ENVIRONMENT	270
L 11	LOTTERY	7
L 12	LOVE-LIFE	26
L 2	LEADERSHIP	8
L 3	LEISURE	128
L 4	LIFE APPRAISALS: OTHER THAN HAPPINESS4	290
L 5	LIFE-CHANGE	26
L 6	LIFE-EVENTS	63
L 7	LIFE-GOALS	52
L 8	LIFE HISTORY	1
L 9	LIFE STYLE	4
M 1	MARRIAGE: MARITAL STATUS CAREER	32
M 10	MIGRATION: MIGRANT WORK	3
M 11	MILITARY LIFE	5
M 12	MODERNITY	5
M 13	MOOD	181
M 2	MARRIAGE: CURRENT MARITAL STATUS	315
M 3	MARRIAGE: RELATIONSHIP	99
M 4	MARRIAGE: PARTNER	34
M 5	MEANING	18
M 6	MEDICAL TREATMENT	49
M 7	MENTAL HEALTH	99
M 8	MIGRATION: OTHER COUNTRY	9
M 9	MIGRATION: MOVING WITHIN COUNTRY (residential mobility)	17
N 1	NATIONALITY	5
N 2	NATION: TIME & PLACE	20
N 3	NATIONAL CHARACTER (modal personality)	2
N 4	NATION'S CONDITION	52
N 6	ATTITUDES TO THE NATION	111
N 7	LIVABILITY OF THE NATION	5
N 8	NUTRITION	18
O 1	OCCUPATION	133

O 2	ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION	11
P 1	PERSONALITY: HISTORY	44
P 10	POSSESSIONS	26
P 12	PROBLEMS	20
P 13	PSYCHO-SOMATIC COMPLAINTS	53
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P 3	PERSONALITY: CURRENT ORGANIZATION	7
P 4	PERSONALITY: CURRENT TRAITS	392
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P 6	PHYSICAL HEALTH	286
P 7	PLANNING	7
P 8	POLITICS	197
P 9	POPULARITY	22
R 1	RELIGION	198
R 2	RESOURCES	8
R 3	RETIREMENT	46
R 4	ROLES	13
S 1	SCHOOL	92
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S 11	SOCIAL SUPPORT: Provided	3
S 12	SPORTS	32
S 13	STIMULANTS	33
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S 2	SELF-IMAGE	193
S 3	SEX-LIFE	54
S 4	SLEEP	10
S 5	SOCIAL MOBILITY	16
S 6	SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: PERSONAL CONTACTS	50
S 7	SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS	111
S 8	SOCIAL PARTICIPATION: TOTAL (personal + associations)	25
S 9	SOCIAL STATUS (Socio-Economic Status)	140
T 1	TIME	27
T 2	THERAPY	9
T 3	TOLERANCE	37
V 1	VALUE CAREER	8
V 2	VALUES: CURRENT PREFERENCES (own)	49
V 3	VALUES: CLIMATE (current values in environment)	4
V 4	VALUES: SIMILARITY (current fit with others)	5
V 5	VICTIM	11
W 1	WAR	5
W 2	WORK CAREER	1
W 3	WORK CONDITIONS	34
W 4	WORK-ATTITUDES	313

W 5	WORK-PERFORMANCE (current)	6
W 6	WORRIES	27
X	UNCLASSIFIED	22

Appendix 5 Related Topics

<i>This Topic</i>	<i>Related Topics</i>
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S 14	SUICIDE
S 14.1	Suicidal career
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S 14.1.2	Change in suicidal behavior
S 14.1.4	Later suicidal behavior
S 14.2	Current suicidal behavior
S 14.2.1	Suicidal intentions
S 14.2.2	Suicidal attempts
S 14.3	Attitudes to own suicidal behavior
S 14.4	Attitudes to suicide in general

End of Report