

General Rating Criteria for Evaluating Scales				
Criterion Rating	Exemplary	Extensive	Moderate	Minimal
Inter-item correlation	Average of .30 or better	Average of .20 to .29	Average of .10 to .19	Average below .10
Alpha-coefficient	.80 or better	.70 to .79	.60 to .69	< .60
Test-Retest Reliability	Scores correlate more than .50 across a period of at least 1 year.	Scores correlate more than .40 across a period of 3-12 months.	Scores correlate more than .30 across a period of 1-3 months.	Scores correlate more than .20 across less than a 1 month period.
Convergent Validity	Highly significant correlations with more than two related measures.	Significant correlations with more than two related measures.	Significant correlations with two related measures.	Significant correlations with one related measure.
Discriminant Validity	Significantly different from four or more unrelated measures.	Significantly different from two or three unrelated measures.	Significantly different from one unrelated measure.	Different from one correlated measure.

Source: Robinson JP, Shaver PR, Wrightsman LS. Measures of personality and social psychological attitudes. San Diego, CA: Academic Press, Inc., 1991.

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