

Acculturation

Keywords:

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Background:

This 12-item acculturation scale has been widely used in research on Latinos. Acculturation, as measured by this scale, correlated highly with respondents' generation, length of residence in the U.S., age at arrival, ethnic self-identification, and with another acculturation index (Marin, Otero-Sabogal & Perez-Stable, 1987). Both English and Spanish versions are included in the reference cited below.

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Reliability:

Coefficient alpha = 0.92 (Marin et al., 1987)

Assessment:

Scale items (English version):

1. In general, what language(s) do you read and speak?
2. What was the language(s) you used as a child?
3. What language(s) do you usually speak at home?
4. In which language(s) do you usually think?
5. What language(s) do you usually speak with your friends?
6. In what language(s) are the T.V. programs you usually watch?
7. In what language(s) are the radio programs you usually listen to?
8. In general, what language(s) are the movies, T.V. and radio programs you prefer to watch and listen to?
9. Your close friends are
10. You prefer going to social gatherings/parties at which people are
11. The persons you visit or who visit you are

12. If you could choose your children's friends you would want them to be

USE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR QUESTIONS 1-8

1. Only Spanish
2. More Spanish than English
3. Both equally
4. More English than Spanish
5. Only English

USE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE CATEGORIES FOR QUESTIONS 9-12

1. All Latinos/Hispanics
2. More Latinos than Americans
3. About half and half
4. More Americans than Latinos
5. All Americans

References:

- Marin, G., Sabogal, F., Marin, B.V., Otero-Sabogal, R., & Perez-Stable, E. (1987). Development of a short acculturation scale for Hispanics. .

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