

Psychological Maturity—Tolerance Scale

OVERVIEW

- This scale assesses the level of tolerance and acceptance that youth have for differences of ethnic and cultural diversity in people different than oneself

SUBSCALES

- None
- Sample items from the scale:
 - It would bother me to work for a person whose skin color is different from mine
 - I don't think I could be close friends with a disabled person
 - If a friend whose ideas about God are very different from mine gave me a religious magazine to read, I wouldn't read it

THEME(S)

- **Diversity, Social Inclusion & Safety**
-Youth experience social inclusion and value diversity

TARGET POPULATION

- Youth between 10 and 17 years of age
 - Separate scales for ages 10-11 (Grades 5-6), 14 (Grade 8) and 17 (Grade 11)

LENGTH & HOW IT IS MEASURED

- 5th grade scale: 10 items
- 8th grade scale: 9 items
- 11th grade scale: 11 items
- Response scale ranges from 1 (agree strongly) to 4 (disagree strongly)
- Self-report, paper-pencil version
- Negatively-worded items need to be reverse coded
- Add the item scores together to get a total score; higher scores reflect greater tolerance (highest possible score = 40)
- Available in: English

DEVELOPER

- Greenberger, 2001

GOOD TO KNOW

- More information about this scale can be attained from the author: Ellen Greenberger Department of Psychology, School of Social Psychology SE11-3340 University of California at Irvine

PSYCHOMETRICS

RELIABILITY

- Internal consistency ($\alpha = .67-.89$)

VALIDITY

- none

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- Greenberger, E., (2001) Psychosocial maturity inventory (PSM) Form D. School of social ecology, University of California, Irvine, CA 92697. Unpublished
- Sabatelli, R., Anderson, S. & LaMotte, V. (2005). Assessing outcomes in child and youth programs: A practical handbook, revised edition. University of Connecticut School of Family Studies Center for Applied Research and State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

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Circle the answer that most closely shows how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (5th grade version).

1. If a friend whose ideas about God are very different from mine gave me a religious magazine to read, I wouldn't read it.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
2. Allowing people to speak their ideas freely can't really help us find ways to improve our country.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
3. Nothing very bad could happen to our government just because a group of people makes speeches to turn other people against it.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
4. I don't think I could be close friends with a disabled person.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
5. A person who takes charity even though he or she could work shouldn't be allowed to vote.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
6. It would bother me to work for a person whose skin color is different from mine.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
7. I would not make friends with a person who had very different manners and clothes from most of my other friends.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
8. People of different races or skin color should get together at the same parties and dances.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
9. I would rather not live in a neighborhood where there are people of different races or skin color.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
10. I would not mind working closely on a job with a person whose skin color is different from mine.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly

Circle the answer that most closely shows how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements (8th grade version).

1. If a friend whose ideas about God are very different from mine gave me a religious magazine to read, I wouldn't read it.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
2. Allowing people to speak their ideas freely can't really help us find ways to improve our country.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
3. Foreign-born people who live in the United States will feel happier in the long run if they never use their own language.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
4. I don't think I could be close friends with a disabled person.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
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7. People of different races or skin color should get together at parties and dances.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
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1. If a friend whose ideas about God are very different from mine gave me a religious magazine to read, I wouldn't read it.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
2. You should avoid spending too much time with people who are not approved of, even if you think they are really all right.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
3. I would not mind being friends with a person whose father or mother was in trouble with the law.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
4. I don't think I could be close friends with a disabled person.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
5. Hippies should not move into neighborhoods where there are mostly older people and young children.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
6. It would bother me to work for a person whose skin color is different from mine.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
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9. I would not mind working closely on a job with a person whose skin color is different from mine.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
10. I wouldn't like to spend the weekend in the home of a friend whose parents don't speak English.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly
11. If I had a choice, I would prefer a blood transfusion from a person of the same skin color as mine.	Disagree Strongly	Disagree a Little	Agree a Little	Agree Strongly

Tolerance Scale (5th grade level)

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