

Cultural Worldviews Test

A survey developed by Kahan et al. (2007)

Cultural worldview (scale 1)

TEST

1. It seems like the criminals and welfare cheats get all the breaks, while the average citizen picks up the tab.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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2. We live in a sexist society that is fundamentally set up to discriminate against women.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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3. A lot of problems in our society today come from the decline in the traditional family, where the man works and the woman stays home.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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4. A gay or lesbian couple should have just as much right to marry as any other couple.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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5. The women's rights movement has gone too far.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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6. It's old fashioned and wrong to think that one's culture's set of values is better than any other culture's way of seeing the world.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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7. Discrimination against minorities is still a very serious problem in our society.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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8. It seems like minorities, women, homosexuals and other groups don't want equal rights, they want special rights just for them.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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9. We have gone too far in pushing equal rights in this country.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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10. Nowadays it seems like there is just as much discrimination against whites as there is against minorities.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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11. Parents should encourage young boys to be more sensitive and less "rough and tough".

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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12. We need to dramatically reduce inequalities between rich and poor, whites and minorities, and men and women.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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13. Society as a whole has become too soft and feminine.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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14. Our society would be better off if the distribution of wealth was more equal.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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RESULTS

The scale 1 survey evaluates your position on the hierarchist-egalitarian scale. You are either a hierarchist or egalitarian. To calculate, you must tally your answers according to numbers associated to your answers (e.g. "strongly agree" = 1).

However, for some questions (#'s 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14), numbers are reversed (i.e. 1 = 5, 2 = 4, 3 = 3, 4 = 2 and 5 = 1).

Once results have been tallied, you can place yourself on the hierarchist-egalitarian scale according to the following parameters:

- If tally <35, you are **hierarchist**
- If tally >35, you are **egalitarian**

Cultural worldview (scale 2)

TEST

1. People who are successful in business have a right to enjoy their wealth as they see fit.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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2. Sometimes government needs to make laws that keep people from hurting themselves.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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3. If the government spent less time trying to fix everyone's problems, we'd all be a lot better off.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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4. Government should put limits on the choices individuals can make so they don't get in the way of what's good for society.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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5. Government regulations are almost always a waste of everyone's time and money.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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6. It's society's responsibility to make sure everyone's basic needs are met.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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7. The government should do more to advance society's goals, even if that means limiting the freedom and choices of individuals.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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8. The government interferes far too much in our everyday lives.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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9. Free markets--not government programs--are the best way to supply people with the things they need.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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10. Too many people today expect society to do things for them that they should be doing for themselves.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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11. People should be able to rely on the government for help when they need it.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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12. It's a mistake to ask society to help every person in need.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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13. The government should stop telling people how to live their lives.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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14. Private profit is the main motive for hard work.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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15. It's not the government's business to try to protect people from themselves.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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16. Society works best when it lets individuals take responsibility for their own lives without telling them what to do.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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17. Our government tries to do too many things for too many people. We should just let people take care of themselves.

Strongly agree 1	Agree 2	Neutral 3	Disagree 4	Strongly disagree 5
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RESULTS

The scale 2 survey evaluates your position on the individualist-communitarian scale. You are either an individualist or communitarian. To calculate, you must tally your answers according to numbers associated to your answers (e.g. "strongly agree" = 1).

However, for some questions (#'s 2, 4, 6, 7, 11), numbers are reversed (i.e. 1 = 5, 2 = 4, 3 = 3, 4 = 2 and 5 = 1).

Once results have been tallied, you can place yourself on the hierarchist-egalitarian scale according to the following parameters:

- If tally <42.5, you are **individualist**
- If tally >42.5, you are **communitarian**

Cultural worldview (overall result)

Once both scales 1 and 2 are complete, you will have one of four cultural worldview profiles:

- **Egalitarian-individualist;**
- **Egalitarian-communitarian;**
- **Hierarchist-individualist;** or
- **Hierarchist-communitarian.**