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# **DATABOOK OF HAPPINESS**

A complementary reference work to  
***Conditions of Happiness***

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## C2 CONCERNS, INTERESTS

see also 'Hopes, aspirations and goals' (H3)  
 'Problems, worries and fears' (P5)  
 'Needs' (P1.5)

INTERESTS:	15-item inventory of closed questions		COMP 4.1	-	ns	Students, U.S.A. Non-probability chunk sample N: 1651, date: —	SYMON 37 p. 292
- HEALTH		College students only L-shaped curve: significant among unhappier students only	COMP 4.1	-	ns		
- SEX			COMP 4.1		ns		
- SAFETY			COMP 4.1		ns		
- MONEY			COMP 4.1		ns		
- MENTAL HYGIENE			COMP 4.1		ns		
- STUDY HABITS			COMP 4.1		ns		
- RECREATION			COMP 4.1		ns		
- PERSONAL AND MORAL QUALITIES			COMP 4.1		ns		
- FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS			COMP 4.1		ns		
- MANNERS			COMP 4.1		ns		
- PERSONAL ATTRACTIVENESS		High school students only U-shaped curve: students of 'average' happiness being most interested in personal attractiveness	COMP 4.1	+			
- DAILY SCHEDULE		High school students only	COMP 4.1	-	s		
- CIVIC INTERESTS		College students only L-shaped curve: stronger among unhappier students	COMP 4.1	+	s		
- GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS			COMP 4.1		ns		
- PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE		College students only L-shaped curve: stronger positive among unhappier students	COMP 4.1	+	s		

UNCONTROLLABLE CONCERNS:

Closed questions: 'Last week how often did you think about . . .'  
not at all / sometimes / often

The authors label these questions as referring to 'worries'. However a more appropriate label seems to be 'concerns'.

Gammas are computed on the basis of the proportions 'often' answers

Unaffected by S.E.S.  
high S.E.S.:  $G' = -.55$  (01)  
low S.E.S. :  $G' = -.52$  (01)

HAPP 1.1 G' - Gt'

low S.E.S.-group only

HAPP 1.1 G' -.34 Gt' 01

Lower among those of high S.E.S. :  $G' = -.31$  (01)  
Stronger among those of low S.E.S.:  $G' = -.37$  (01)

HAPP 1.1 G' - Gt'

Lower among those of high S.E.S. :  $G' = -.04$  (ns)  
Stronger among those of low S.E.S.:  $G' = -.26$  (05)

HAPP 1.1 G' - Gt'

Inhabitants of 4 small communities, Illinois, U.S.A.  
Probability multi-stage samples  
N: 2006, date: March, 1962

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- GROWING OLD

- DEATH

- HEALTH

- ATOM BOMB OR FALLOUT

CONTROLLABLE CONCERNS:

See above

See above

See above

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- GETTING AHEAD

high S.E.S.-group only

HAPP 1.1 G' -.06 Gt' ns

- MONEY

Unaffected by S.E.S.

HAPP 1.1 G' -.22 Gt' 01

- PERSONAL ENEMIES

Stronger among those of high S.E.S.:  $G' = -.32$  (01)  
Lower among those of low S.E.S. :  $G' = -.27$  (05)

HAPP 1.1 G' - Gt'

- WORK

Unaffected by S.E.S.  
high S.E.S.:  $G' = -.08$  (ns)  
low S.E.S. :  $G' = -.11$  (05)

HAPP 1.1 G' - Gt'

- MARRIAGE

Unaffected by S.E.S.  
high S.E.S.:  $G' = -.07$  (ns)  
low S.E.S. :  $G' = -.03$  (ns)

HAPP 1.1 G' - Gt'

- BRINGING UP CHILDREN

Unaffected by S.E.S.  
high S.E.S.:  $G' = +.06$  (ns)  
low S.E.S. :  $G' = +.02$  (ns)

HAPP 1.1 G' + Gt'