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R 1 RELIGION

see also 'Values' (V1)

- R 1.1 Religiousness
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- R 1.3 Religious participation
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R 1.1 - RELIGIOUSNESS

NON-RELIGIOUS	Church member vs non-member		HAPP 1.1	G'	-.27	Gt'	01	National adult population, U.S.A. Non-probability quota sample N: 2377, date: February, 1946	WESSM 56 p. 208
NON-RELIGIOUS	Church member vs non-member	See also under 'Religious Denomination' (Part III, R 1.2)	HAPP 1.1	G'	-.11			National adult population, The Netherlands N: at least 1000, date: 1948	NIPO 49 p. 4
NON-RELIGIOUS	Church member vs non-member	Unaffected by sex and marital status	HAPP 2.1			Chi ²	ns	Adults, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Probability systematic random sample stratified by sex and marital status N: 600, date: September - December, 1965	JONG 69 p. 190
NON-RELIGIOUS	Not being a member of a church	Gamma is based on a comparison of the happiness ratings of the non-religious and the happiness of the entire population.	HAPP 1.1	G'	+.04	Gt'	ns	Adults, Utrecht, The Netherlands Probability sample stratified by age N: 300, date: autumn, 1967	MOSER 69 p. 23
RELIGIOUSNESS	5-item index: 1. I adhere strongly to the religion of my parents 2. I have adopted the religion of my parents, but do not take it very seriously 3. I have adopted a new religion to which I adhere strongly 4. I have adopted a new religion, but I do not take it very seriously 5. I do not adhere to any religion; I am essentially 'this worldly' in my outlook	The index was regarded as a 5-point scale; item 1 indicating most religious and item 5 least religious.	COMP 1.1	r _{pm}	+.33		s	Undergraduate college students, Hawaii Non-probability accidental sample N: 101, date: —	WILSO 65 p. 375
RELIGIOUSNESS	5-item index (see above)	For correlational purposes the items were scored in three ways: - 5-point scale: item 1 indicating the most religious (as above): males : r = +.01 (ns) females: r = +.17 (ns) - 3-point scale: item 1 or 3 (top category), 2 or 4 (middle), or 5 (lowest category): males : r = -.00 (ns) females: r = +.12 (ns) - 5-point scale: item 3 (most religious), 4,1,2,5 (least religious): males : r = +.00 (ns) females: r = +.16 (ns)	COMP 1.1	r _{pm}	+		ns	Undergraduate students, Ohio, U.S.A. Non-probability accidental sample N: 132, date: 1966/1967	MILLE 68 p. 1082

IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN ONE'S LIFE	Direct question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale, ranging from 'not at all important' to 'extremely important'		HAPP 3.1	r _{pm}	+ .11			National adult population, U.S.A. Probability sample N: 1549, date: 1960	CANTR 65/2 p. 268/415
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN ONE'S LIFE	Direct question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale (see above)		HAPP 2.1	r _{pm}	+ .18				
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN ONE'S LIFE	Direct question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale (see above)		CON 1.1	r _{pm}	+ .15				
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN ONE'S LIFE	Direct question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale (see above)		HAPP 2.1	r	+ .17			National adult population, U.S.A. Cantril (1965) modified probability sample N: 1406, date: 1959	BORTN 70 p. 44
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN ONE'S LIFE	Direct question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale (see above)		HAPP 3.1	r	+ .08				
IMPORTANCE OF RELIGION IN ONE'S LIFE	Direct question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale (see above)		CON 1.1	r	+ .14				
RELIGIOUSNESS	Closed question on importance of religion very unimportant / unimportant / of small importance / important / very important	Computed for normals only.	HAPP 2.1	r	+ .23	01		Physically defective and normal persons, Detroit, U.S.A. Non-probability purposive samples N: 295, date: —	CAMER 73/1 p. 209
RELIGIOUSNESS	Direct question: 'Do you get much consolation and help from your religion?' no vs yes		HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .27	Gt'	01	National adult population, U.S.A. Non-probability quota sample N: 2377, date: February, 1946	WESSM 56 p. 207
PRACTICING ONE'S RELIGION	Direct question non-practicing vs practicing	Catholics : G' = +.46 (01) Protestants: G' = -.05 (ns) Jews : G' = +.17 (ns)	HAPP 2.1	G'	+	Gt'		Aged chronically-ill patients, U.S.A. Probability sample N: 167, date: 1959	HENLE 67 p. 69
INTEREST IN RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND CEREMONIES (regardless of denomination)	Trained peer rating on a 7-point scale on the basis of observation		AFF 5.2	r _{pm}	- .18			Male students, England Non-probability chunk sample N: 194, date: 1912 - 1913	WEBB 15 p. 26

R 1.2 - RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION	Protestant, Catholic, Jewish vs none, agnostics	No significant differences among those reporting Protestant, Catholic or Jewish religion	HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .27	Gt'	01	National adult population, U.S.A. Non-probability quota sample N: 2377, date: February, 1946	WESSM 56 p. 208
RELIGION	Protestant / Catholic / Jewish	Protestant: Mean score = 6.5 Catholic : Mean score = 6.7 Jewish : Mean score = 7.1	HAPP 3.1	DM	+			National adult population, U.S.A. Probability sample N: 1549, date: + 1960	CANTR 65/1 p. 375
CATHOLIC RELIGION	Protestant vs Catholic		HAPP 1.1	G'	- .02	Gt'	ns	Non-institutionalized adults, U.S.A. Probability multi-stage area sample N: 2460, date: spring, 1957	GURIN 60 p. 241
CATHOLIC RELIGION	Protestant vs Catholic	Gammas are based on proportions 'very happy', 'high positive feelings', and 'high negative feelings'	HAPP 1.1	G'	- .05			Adults, New Hampshire, U.S.A. Probability sample N: 600, date: —	PHILL 67A p. 486
CATHOLIC RELIGION	Protestant vs Catholic	Index of Positive Affects: G' = -.15 Index of Negative Affects: G' = +.16	AFF 2.3	G'	-				
CATHOLIC RELIGION	Protestant vs Catholic	Catholic : Mean score = 5.4 Protestant: Mean score = 5.3	HAPP 3.1	DM	+			National population, W. Germany Probability area sample N: 480, date: + 1960	CANTR 65/1 p. 376

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

- ROMAN CATHOLIC
- 'GEREFORMEERD' (FUNDAMENTALISTIC PROTESTANT)
- 'NEDERLANDS HERVORMD' OR OTHER (MODERATE PROTESTANT)
- NON-RELIGIOUS

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

RELIGION

Gereformeerd (Fundamentalistic Protestant / Ned. Hervormd (Moderate Protestant) / Roman Catholic / non-religious

'Collectivistic' type of church (e.g. Roman-Catholic) vs 'individualistic' type of church and non-religious

Muslim / Christian / pagan

The Gammas are based on a comparison of the happiness ratings of the category mentioned and the happiness of the entire population

Gereformeerd : 55% happy, 41% pretty happy
Ned. Hervormd : 45% happy, 45% pretty happy
Roman-Catholic: 39% happy, 46% pretty happy
Non-religious : 39% happy, 43% pretty happy

Unaffected by sex and marital status

Muslim : Mean score = 5.3
Christian: Mean score = 4.3
pagan : Mean score = 3.8

HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .30	Gt'	ns
HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .18	Gt'	ns
HAPP 1.1	G'	- .15	Gt'	ns
HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .04	Gt'	ns

HAPP 1.1				
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HAPP 2.1			Chi ²	ns
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HAPP 3.1	DM	+		
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Adults, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Probability sample stratified by age
N: 300, date: autumn, 1967

National adult population, The Netherlands
N: at least 1000, date: 1948

Adults, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Probability systematic random sample stratified by sex and marital status
N: 600, date: September - December, 1965

National adult population, Nigeria
Probability sample proportionally stratified by dwelling and region
N: 1200, date: + 1960

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JONG 69
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CANTR 65/1
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R 1.3 - RELIGIOUS PARTICIPATION

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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Direct question: 'Do you attend church regularly?'
no vs yes

HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .31	Gt'	01
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National adult population, U.S.A.
Non-probability quota sample
N: 2377, date: February, 1946

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Direct question: never / a few times a year / a few times a month / once a week / more than once a week

Analysis on the basis of the answers of Catholics and Protestants only.
Stronger among Catholics: G' = +.20 (01)
U-shaped curve: Those who attend church once a week are most happy
Lower among Protestants: G' = +.11 (01)

HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .14	Gt'	01
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Non-institutionalized adults, U.S.A.
Probability multi-stage area sample
N: 2460, date: spring, 1957

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE

10-point scale

Stronger among those under the age of 65: r = +.10
Not among those of age 65+ : r = -.01
The difference between the correlations is not significant
Unaffected by S.E.S.

HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}	+ .08		01
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Non-institutionalized adults, U.S.A.
Probability samples
N: 1547, date: 1972, 1973

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p. 457

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Closed question: never / sometimes / once a week

Non-religious Ss were excluded
Stronger among Protestants (025)
Not among Catholics (ns)
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HAPP 1.1	G'	+ .27	Gt'	01
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Adults, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Probability sample stratified by age
N: 300, date: autumn, 1967

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p. 24

GOING TO CHURCH	Closed question on frequency in the past week: not at all / once / more than once	When the non-religious were compared with the religious it appeared that those attending church once a week are about as happy as the non-religious. Those attending church sometimes, and especially religious Ss who never attend church are less happy. Lower among males : G = +.10 Stronger among females: G = +.28 Lower among males : G = +.16 Stronger among females: G = +.32	HAPP 1.1	G	+			Adults, Metro Manila, Philippines Probability area sample N: 941, date: January - April, 1972	BULAT 73 p. 232
			HAPP 3.1	G	+				

PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

RELIGIOUS PARTICIPATION	3-item index containing amount of time spent on religious activities, playing an active role, and holding a function	unmarried males : r = +.05 (ns) married males : r = +.02 (ns) unmarried females: r = +.15 (ns) married females : r = +.14 (ns)	HAPP 2.1	r _{pm}	+	Chi ²	ns	Adults, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Probability systematic random sample stratified by sex and marital status N: 600, date: September - December, 1965	JONG 69 p. 203
PARTICIPATION IN RELIGIOUS EVENTS	Open-ended question on how often one attended church services or other church sponsored events during the last month none / 1-4 times / 5 or more times	Computed for those with current religious preferences only Index of Positive Affects only: G' = -.04 (ns) Positive among those of high S.E.S. : G' = +.10 (ns) Negative among those of low S.E.S. : G' = -.35 (05)	AFF 2.3	G'	-.04	Gt'	ns	Males in the age of 25-49, 4 small communities, Illinois, U.S.A. Probability multi-stage samples N: 393, date: March, 1962	BRADB 65/1 p. 44
PARTICIPATING IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES	no church activities vs church activities	L-shaped curve: Positive among unhappier students only	COMP 2.2		+		ns	Female college students, New York, U.S.A. Type of construction unclear N: 238, date: —	WASHB 41 p. 283
ATTENDING RELIGIOUS SERVICES	Direct question: never / sometimes / weekly or more	Stronger among those of age 66-75: t _k = +.67 (01) Lower among those of age 82-92 : t _k = -.10 (ns)	AFF 2.3	t _k	+.33		01	Aged female public housing residents, U.S.A. Probability systematic random sample N: 44, date: 1967 - 1971	GRANE 75 p. 703
ATTENDING RELIGIOUS SERVICES MORE OFTEN	Repeated direct question (see above) Difference between scores in 1967 and 1971	Lower among those of age 66-75 : t _k = -.04 (ns) Stronger among those of age 82-92: t _k = -.17 (ns)	AFF 2.3	t _k	-.15		07	See above	GRANE 75 p. 703

R 1.4 - VARIOUS FACTORS CONCERNING RELIGION

SATISFACTION WITH RELIGIOUS FAITH	Closed question: 'How do you feel about . . . ?' terrible / unhappy / mostly dissatisfied / mixed / mostly satisfied / pleased / delighted	Unaffected by sex	HAPP 3.1 (1st instr.)	h ²	.24			National adult population, U.S.A. Probability area sample (first sample) N: 1297, date: May, 1972	ANDRE 74 p. 17
SATISFACTION WITH COMFORT FROM RELIGION	Closed question rated on a 7-point self-anchoring scale, based on Cantril (1965)		HAPP 2.1	r	+.05			Adult population of 8 major British conurbations Non-probability quota sample N: 593, date: October - November, 1971	HALL 73 p. 100