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F 2 FREEDOM

F 2.1 Freedom in youth
F 2.2 Freedom in adulthood

see also 'Personal freedom' (A 2.2.12)

F 2.1 - FREEDOM IN YOUTH

FREEDOM ALLOWED BY THE MOTHER DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE CHILD'S LIFE:

- PERMITS AND STIMULATES AUTONOMY

Ratings of expressive behavior on 7-point scales ranging from 'not at all true' to 'extremely true' by three judges on the basis of notes on observations of about 20 testing sessions

Each variable was correlated with the child's hedonic level at the ages of 10-36 months. See also instrument and remarks in excerpt (Part II).

For boys N = 15, for girls N = 16

'Does the mother think the child should be free to act independently and be allowed to work or play apart from the parents?'

10-12 13-15 18-24 27-36

AFF 5.1

r
pm

boys: +.18 +.15 +.26 +.29
girls: -.09 -.08 -.12 -.14

5-item index

- INTRUSIVENESS

'Does the mother seem to be unaware of the fact that a child has a mind of his own and that he should be able to do his own thinking without forceful intrusion by the mother?'

10-12 13-15 18-24 27-36

AFF 5.1

r
pm

boys: -.36 -.34 -.35 -.40^x
girls: +.12 +.07 +.02 -.07

4-item index

- STRICTNESS (rigidity)

'Does the mother believe in rigid rules and strict enforcement of those rules?'

10-12 13-15 18-24 27-36

AFF 5.1

r
pm

boys: -.15 -.06 -.29 -.11
girls: -.33 -.37 -.56^x -.57^x

5-item index

- FOSTERING DEPENDENCY ON CHILD

'Does this mother tend to baby her child or foster dependency on him?'

10-12 13-15 18-24 27-36

AFF 5.1

r
pm

boys: -.39^x -.32 -.27 -.17
girls: +.12 +.08 +.20 +.35

6-item index

- EXCESSIVE CONTACT WITH CHILD

'Does the mother wish to keep the child closely attached to herself?'

10-12 13-15 18-24 27-36

AFF 5.1

r
pm

boys: -.12 -.08 -.16 -.14
girls: +.00 +.07 +.29 +.30

4-item index

FREEDOM ALLOWED BY THE MOTHER DURING THE CHILD'S AGE FROM 9-14 YEARS:

- PERMITS AND STIMULATES AUTONOMY

Ratings of expressive behavior on 7-point scales ranging from 'not at all true' to 'extremely true' by three judges on the basis of interview-protocols (one to three interviews)

Each variable was correlated with the child's hedonic level at the ages of 10-36 months. See also instrument and remarks in excerpt (Part II).

10-12 13-15 18-24 27-36

AFF 5.1

r
pm

boys: -.20 -.45 -.34 -.34
girls: +.19 +.01 -.06 +.26

5-item index

Children and their mothers, Berkeley, California, U.S.A.
Non-probability chunk sample
N: 108 (54 children and their mothers), date: 1928-1943

SCHAE 63
p. 109-110

See above

SCHAE 63
p. 117-118

- INTRUSIVENESS	'Does the mother seem to be unaware of the fact that a child has a mind of his own and that he should be able to do his own thinking without forceful intrusion by the mother?'	10-12	13-15	18-24	27-36	AFF 5.1	r _{pm}											
		boys: -.03	+.28	+.16	+.16													
		girls: -.06	-.18	-.30	-.45													
	4-item index																	
- STRICTNESS (rigidity)	'Does the mother believe in rigid rules and strict enforcement of those rules?'	10-12	13-15	18-24	27-36	AFF 5.1	r _{pm}											
		boys: -.06	-.28	-.12	+.07													
		girls: +.28	+.16	-.06	-.07													
	4-item index																	
- WISH TO CONTROL THE CHILD	'Does the mother seem to wish to control the child?'	10-12	13-15	18-24	27-36	AFF 5.1	r _{pm}											
		boys: -.24	-.19	-.09	-.09													
		girls: -.02	+.03	-.03	-.23													
	5-item index																	
- FOSTERING DEPENDENCY IN CHILD	'Does his mother tend to baby her child or foster dependency in him?'	10-12	13-15	18-24	27-36	AFF 5.1	r _{pm}											
		boys: +.33	+.57 ^x	+.41	+.41													
		girls: -.16	-.27	-.06	+.12													
	5-item index																	
- EXCESSIVE CONTACT WITH CHILD	'Does the mother wish to keep the child closely attached to herself?'	10-12	13-15	18-24	27-36	AFF 5.1	r _{pm}											
		boys: +.20	+.29	+.12	+.12													
		girls: -.34	-.17	-.13	-.33													
	5-item index																	
- KEEPS CHILD SOCIALLY ISOLATED	'Does this mother tend to keep her child socially isolated?'	10-12	13-15	18-24	27-36	AFF 5.1	r _{pm}											
		boys: +.21	+.21	+.21	+.21													
		girls: -.01	-.12	-.22	-.49													
HAVING A DOMINANT FATHER	Closed question rated on a 9-point scale very submissive / moderate / very dominant					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}	-	t	s		Male undergraduates, U.S.A. Non-probability chunk sample N: 103, date: + 1967					HEERE 69 p. 28	
HAVING A DOMINANT MOTHER	See above					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}	-	t	s		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
FATHER IS DEMANDING VERY LITTLE	Closed question rated on a 9-point scale demands a lot / moderate / very little					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
MOTHER IS DEMANDING VERY LITTLE	See above					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}	+.21	t	s		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
BEING OFTEN ALLOWED BY PARENTS TO MAKE OWN DECISIONS	Closed question rated on a 9-point scale almost never / sometimes / nearly all the time					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}	+.33	t	s		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
PARENTS WERE PERMISSIVE AND LENIENT	Closed question rated on a 9-point scale very strict / about average / very permissive and lenient					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
FREEDOM IN DATING	Closed question rated on a 5-point scale not at all / parents decided / completely free					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
FREEDOM TO DECIDE HOW LATE TO STAY OUT	See above					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
FREEDOM TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT SOMEONE'S HOUSE	See above					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	
FREEDOM TO DRINK ALCOHOL	See above					HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns		See above					HEERE 69 p. 28	

FREEDOM TO TAKE OWN TRIPS OR GO TRAVELLING	Closed question rated on a 5-point scale not at all / parents decided / completely free
FREEDOM TO FOLLOW OWN INTERESTS	Closed question rated on a 9-point scale not much / some / considerable freedom

F 2.2 - FREEDOM IN ADULTHOOD

EXTENT OF OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT ONE LIKES	Closed question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale
OPPORTUNITIES TO DO WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO	Closed question rated on an 11-point self-anchoring scale
SATISFACTION WITH OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THINGS	Closed question: 'How do you feel about . . .?' terrible / unhappy / mostly dissatisfied / mixed / mostly satisfied / pleased / delighted
FREEDOM ON THE JOB	Closed question: none / some / much freedom
RESTRICTIVENESS OF SETTING	Ward A (open ward) vs ward B (closed ward) (see 'Sample construction' in excerpt, Part II).

The mean happiness score in ward A was 4.7 and in ward B 5.4

HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}		t	ns	Male undergraduates, U.S.A. (See last page)	HEERE 69 p. 28
HAPP 1.1	r _{pm}	+0.30	t	s	See above	HEERE 69 p. 28
HAPP 3.1	r _{pm}	+0.32			National adult population, U.S.A. Probability sample N: 1549, date: 1959	CANTR 65/2 p. 268-415
HAPP 2.1	r _{pm}	+0.46				
CON 1.1	r _{pm}	+0.36				
HAPP 3.1	r	+0.33			National adult population, U.S.A. Cantril (1965) modified probability sample N: 1406, date: 1959	BORTN 70 p. 44
HAPP 2.1	r	+0.43				
CON 1.1	r	+0.39				
HAPP 3.1	h ²	.37			National adult population, U.S.A. Probability area sample (third sample) N: 1072, date: November, 1972	ANDRE 74 p. 19
HAPP 2.1	r _{pm}	+	Chi ²	ns		
AFF 5.1	DM	+		001	Adults, Amsterdam, The Netherlands Probability systematic random sample stratified by sex and marital status N: 600, date: September - December, 1965	JONG 69 p. 191
					Institutionalized mentally retarded males, U.S.A. Non-probability chunk sample N: 149, date: —	PANDE 71 p. 328