

Social Dominance Orientation Scale

Indicate your agreement with the following statements. Use the following scale to respond to each statement. Please do not leave any statements unanswered.

- 7 - strongly agree
- 6 - agree
- 5 - somewhat agree
- 4 - neither agree nor disagree
- 3 - somewhat disagree
- 2 - disagree
- 1 - strongly disagree

- _____ 1. Some groups of people are simply inferior to other groups.
- _____ 2. In getting what you want, it is sometimes necessary to use force against other groups.
- _____ 3. It's OK if some groups have more of a chance in life than others.
- _____ 4. To get ahead in life, it is sometimes necessary to step on other groups.
- _____ 5. If certain groups stayed in their place, we would have fewer problems.
- _____ 6. It's probably a good thing that certain groups are at the top and other groups are at the bottom.
- _____ 7. Inferior groups should stay in their place.
- _____ 8. Sometimes other groups must be kept in their place.
- _____ 9. It would be good if groups could be equal.
- _____ 10. Group equality should be our ideal.
- _____ 11. All groups should be given an equal chance in life.
- _____ 12. We should do what we can to equalize conditions for different groups.
- _____ 13. Increased social equality is beneficial to society.
- _____ 14. We would have fewer problems if we treated people more equally.
- _____ 15. We should strive to make incomes as equal as possible.
- _____ 16. No group should dominate in society.

Scoring

For items 1 thru 8, sum the numbers to get the subscore for those items.

For items 9 thru 16, scoring is reversed. Use the following conversion.

7 converts to 1

6 converts to 2

5 converts to 3

4 converts to 4

3 converts to 5

2 converts to 6

1 converts to 7

Your total score is the sum of the two parts.

Scores above 75 reflect a strong tendency toward social dominance orientation