

## Moral Foundations Questionnaire

*Part 1. When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent are the following considerations relevant to your thinking? Please rate each statement using this scale:*

[0] = not at all relevant (This consideration has nothing to do with my judgments of right and wrong)

[1] = not very relevant

[2] = slightly relevant

[3] = somewhat relevant

[4] = very relevant

[5] = extremely relevant (This is one of the most important factors when I judge right and wrong)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Whether or not someone suffered emotionally
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Whether or not some people were treated differently than others
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Whether or not someone's action showed love for his or her country
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Whether or not someone showed a lack of respect for authority
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Whether or not someone violated standards of purity and decency
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Whether or not someone was good at math
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Whether or not someone cared for someone weak or vulnerable
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Whether or not someone acted unfairly
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Whether or not someone did something to betray his or her group
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Whether or not someone conformed to the traditions of society
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Whether or not someone did something disgusting
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Whether or not someone was cruel
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Whether or not someone was denied his or her rights
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Whether or not someone showed a lack of loyalty
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Whether or not an action caused chaos or disorder
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Whether or not someone acted in a way that God would approve of

*Part 2. Please read the following sentences and indicate your agreement or disagreement:*

| [0]               | [1]                 | [2]               | [3]            | [4]              | [5]            |
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| Strongly disagree | Moderately disagree | Slightly disagree | Slightly agree | Moderately agree | Strongly agree |

- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Compassion for those who are suffering is the most crucial virtue.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. When the government makes laws, the number one principle should be ensuring that everyone is treated fairly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. I am proud of my country's history.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Respect for authority is something all children need to learn.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. People should not do things that are disgusting, even if no one is harmed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. It is better to do good than to do bad.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. One of the worst things a person could do is hurt a defenseless animal.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Justice is the most important requirement for a society.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. People should be loyal to their family members, even when they have done something wrong.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Men and women each have different roles to play in society.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 27. I would call some acts wrong on the grounds that they are unnatural.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 28. It can never be right to kill a human being.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 29. I think it's morally wrong that rich children inherit a lot of money while poor children inherit nothing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 30. It is more important to be a team player than to express oneself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 31. If I were a soldier and disagreed with my commanding officer's orders, I would obey anyway because that is my duty.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Chastity is an important and valuable virtue.

To score the MFQ yourself, you can copy your answers into the grid below. Then add up the 6 numbers in each of the five columns and write each total in the box at the bottom of the column. The box then shows your score on each of 5 psychological "foundations" of morality. Scores run from 0-30 for each foundation. (Questions 6 and 22 are just used to catch people who are not paying attention. They don't count toward your scores).

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| 17                |                      | 18                |                      | 19                |                      | 20                |                      | 21                | 22                   |
| 23                |                      | 24                |                      | 25                |                      | 26                |                      | 27                |                      |
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| Harm /<br>Care | Fairness /<br>Reciprocity | In-group/<br>Loyalty | Authority /<br>Respect | Purity /<br>Sanctity |

The average politically moderate American's scores are: 20.2, 20.5, 16.0, 16.5, and 12.6. Liberals generally score a bit higher than that on Harm/care and Fairness/reciprocity, and much lower than that on the other three foundations. Conservatives generally show the opposite pattern.

The Moral Foundations Questionnaire (MFQ-30, July 2008) by Jesse Graham, Jonathan Haidt, and Brian Nosek. For more information about Moral Foundations Theory, scoring this form, or interpreting your scores, see: [www.MoralFoundations.org](http://www.MoralFoundations.org). To take this scale online and see how you compare to others, go to [www.YourMorals.org](http://www.YourMorals.org)