

Mail: Masculinity

Sibling Mail: Masculinity Module

OVERVIEW

A person's idea about what makes someone "masculine" is one component of identity that may impact various facets of a man's adult life--including health. We measured several aspects of masculinity ideals in one-half of the WLS sample. The areas of masculinity ideals we covered included people's perceptions of how men and women differ as well as how men "should" or "should not" express their emotions.

See also memo 172 for specific item selection.

BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

DVM01RER-DVM09RER: Masculinity Attitudes

NOTE: See Cor813 in Appendix A for variable creation details

dvm01rer: To what extent do you agree that it is important for a man to have a male friend he can confide in?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail

Source variables: q1a_a

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	31	53	84
1	STRONGLY AGREE	243	462	705
2	AGREE	756	1024	1780
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	697	509	1206
4	DISAGREE	112	53	165
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	29	8	37

dvm02rer: To what extent do you agree that when a husband and wife make decisions about buying major things for the home, the husband should have the final say?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	34	51	85
1	STRONGLY AGREE	30	34	64
2	AGREE	95	115	210
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	608	363	971
4	DISAGREE	836	931	1767
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	265	615	880

dvm03rer: To what extent do you agree that a man should always try to project an air of confidence even if he really doesn't feel confident inside?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	37	61	98
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	STRONGLY AGREE	55	18	73
2	AGREE	491	254	745
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	648	653	1301
4	DISAGREE	582	919	1501
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	55	203	258

dvm04rer: To what extent do you agree with the statement: 'It bothers me when a man does something that I consider feminine'?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_e

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	41	66	107
1	STRONGLY AGREE	69	61	130
2	AGREE	429	267	696
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	770	775	1545
4	DISAGREE	471	696	1167
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	88	244	332

dvm05rer: To what extent do you agree that a husband whose wife is working full-time should spend just as many hours doing housework as his wife?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	33	60	93
1	STRONGLY AGREE	147	299	446
2	AGREE	924	880	1804
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	556	612	1168
4	DISAGREE	178	233	411
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	30	25	55

dvm06rer: To what extent do you agree that men have greater sexual needs than women?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_g

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	39	56	95
-1	DON'T KNOW	2	1	3
1	STRONGLY AGREE	108	191	299
2	AGREE	566	747	1313
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	778	587	1365
4	DISAGREE	329	423	752
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	46	104	150

dvm07rer: To what extent do you agree that when a man is feeling pain he should not let it show?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_h

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	34	72	106
1	STRONGLY AGREE	16	25	41
2	AGREE	230	111	341
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	534	157	691
4	DISAGREE	965	1262	2227
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	89	482	571

dvm08rer: To what extent do you agree that in some kinds of situations a man should be ready to use his fists?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_i

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	46	74	120
1	STRONGLY AGREE	38	21	59
2	AGREE	409	159	568
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	490	347	837
4	DISAGREE	636	824	1460
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	249	684	933

dvm09rer: To what extent do you agree that being larger, stronger-looking, and more muscular makes men more attractive to women?

Data source: Sibling Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: mail
Source variables: q1a_k

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	35	52	87
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
1	STRONGLY AGREE	41	38	79
2	AGREE	506	408	914
3	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	846	793	1639
4	DISAGREE	389	663	1052
5	STRONGLY DISAGREE	50	155	205

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