

Distorted Attitudes about Sexuality

Abel, Becker & Kaplan Cognitions Scales

Intended for adults and designed to assess irrational or distorted ideas, thoughts, and attitudes that adult offenders use to justify and minimize sexual behavior with children. The scales may be obtained through:

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The Behavioral Medicine Institute
Paces Pavilion
3193 Howell Mill Road, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30327-4101

Attitudes Toward Women Scale

A 55-item measure originally designed to assess opinions about the rights and roles of women. It is intended for adults and the source is as follows:

Spence, J. T., & Helmreich, R. L. (1972). The Attitudes Toward Women Scale: An objective instrument to measure attitudes toward the rights and roles of women in contemporary society. *Psychological Documents*, 2, 153.

Bumby Cognitive distortions Scales

This test includes the Molest Scale and the Rape Scale. Items are answered on a 4-point scale and it takes 5 to 10 minutes each to administer. It is intended for adolescents and adults. The source is:

Carich, M. S. & Adkerson, D. L. (1995). *Adult Sex Offender Assessment Packet*. Brandon, VT: Safer Society Press.

Kurt Bumby
Fulton State Hospital
Mail Stop 300
600 East 5th St.
Fulton, MO 65251-1798

Hanson Sex Attitude Questionnaire

This questionnaire includes two scales, Sexual Entitlement and Sexy Children. All items are answered on a 5-point scale. It is intended for late adolescents and adults and can be obtained from:

Dr. R. Karl Hanson
Corrections Branch
Ministry Secretariat
Solicitor General Canada
340 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Canada K1A0P8
Telephone Number: 613.991.2840

Hostility Toward Women Scale

A measure of anger and resentment toward women. It consists of 30-items and utilizes a 4-point Likert scale. The original source is:

Check, J. V. P. (1985). The Hostility Towards Women Scale (Doctoral dissertation, University of Manitoba, 1984). *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 45 (12).

J.V.P. Check

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York University
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Hypermasculinity Inventory

Consists of 30 forced-choice items designed to measure three components of a “macho” personality: callous sexual attitudes toward women, interpersonal violence as masculine, risk taking/danger as exciting. It is intended for adults. The original source is:

Moser, D. L., & Sirkin, M. (1984). Measuring a macho personality constellation. *Journal of Research in Personality, 18*, 150-164.

PHASE Sexual Attitudes Questionnaire

The PHASE consists of 50 “myths” about various aspects of “normal” human sexuality including pregnancy and conception, masturbation, and teenage sex. It is ideally suited for teenagers and is not appropriate for children. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete. It may be obtained by writing to the author, Michael O’Brien.

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Rape Attitude Scale

The RAS is a measure of attitudes about rape and is used with offenders and nonoffenders. It consists of 14 statements that are rated using a 9-point Likert scale or a 5-point Likert scale. It can be used with adolescents and adults. The original source is:

Hall, E. R., Howard, J. A., & Boezio, S. L. (1986). Tolerance of rape: A sexist or antisocial attitude. *Psychology of Women Quarterly, 10*, 101-118.

Rape Knowledge Test

The Rape Knowledge Test is a 14-item multiple choice measure designed to assess the awareness of factual information about rape. It is used with adults. The original source is:

Field, H. S. (1978). Attitudes toward rape: A comparative analysis of police, rapists, crisis counselors, and citizens. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 36*, 156-179.

Rape Myth Acceptance Scale

The RMAS, developed by Dr. Martha Burt, is a 19-item measure of the acceptance or rejection of myths about rape. It has become popular for use with sex offenders and is intended for adults. The source is:

Burt, M. R. (1980). Cultural myths and support for rape. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 38*, 217-230.

Sexism Scale

The Sexism Scale is a measure of sex-role attitudes that includes 20 items that are rated using a Likert scale. It is intended for adolescents and adults. The original source is:

Rombough, S., & Ventimiglia, J. C. (1981). Sexism: A tridimensional phenomenon. *Sex Roles, 7*, 747-755.