

## **Adapted Self-Report Altruism Scale**

**Instrument:** Adapted from the Self-Report Altruism Scale (Rushton, 1981)

**Scale/Subscale Name:** Adapted Self-Report Altruism Scale

**Source:** Cited and adapted by the CYFAR Life Skills Project, Youth Development Initiative, Texas A&M University

**Developers:** P. C. Rushton (original), Peter Witt and Chris Boleman (adapted version)

**Year:** 1981 (original), 2009 (adapted)

**Target Audience(s):** Youth

**Language other than English available:** No

**Type:** Attitudes

**Data collected:** Quantitative

**Data collection format:** Self report – Pre/post

**Reading Level:** Flesch-Kincaid Grade level: 5.4

**Existence of test/technical manuals, user guides, supplemental materials:** None

**Level of training necessary for administration/scoring/interpretation:** None

**Widespread Use/Professional Endorsements:** Recommended by the CYFAR Life Skills Project, Youth Development Initiative, Texas A&M University. The original instrument is widely used with adults and has a reliability of .84.

**Cost of Use:** No costs associated with the use of this instrument.

**Description:** This 14-item scale assesses intentions related to altruistic behaviors.

**Psychometrics:**

*Information on reliability and validity are provided below. If information on a particular psychometric was not found, it is indicated as "no information provided." It should be noted that this is not necessarily an indication of a lack of reliability or validity within a particular scale/instrument, but rather a lack of rigorous testing, for various reasons, by the developers or other researchers.*

**Reliability:** *A correlation of at least .80 is suggested for at least one type of reliability as evidence; however, standards range from .5 to .9 depending on the intended use and context for the instrument.*

**Internal Consistency:** No information provided

**Inter-rater reliability:** No information provided

**Test-Retest:** No information provided

**Validity:** *The extent to which a measure captures what it is intended to measure.*

**Content/Face Validity:** No information provided

**Criterion Validity:** No information provided

**Construct Validity:** No information provided

**Reference:**

Rushton, P. C., R. (1981). The altruistic personality and the self-report altruism scale. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 2(4), 293-302.

## **CONSTRUCT: Altruism**

**Scale Name:** Adapted Version of the Self-Report Altruism Scale

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### **Scale:**

0=Never

1=Once

2=More than once

3=Often

4=Very often

**Instructions:** How often would you exhibit the following behaviors?

### **Items:**

1. I would give directions to someone I did not know.
2. I would make changes for someone I did not know.
3. I would give money to a charity.
4. I would donate clothes or goods to a charity.
5. I would help carry belongings of someone I did not know.
6. I would delay an elevator and hold the door for someone I did not know.
7. I would allow someone I did not know to go in front of me in line.
8. I would point out a clerk's error in undercharging me for an item.
9. I would let a neighbor I did not know well borrow an item of value to me.
10. I would help a classmate who I did not know well with a homework assignment when my knowledge was greater than his or hers.
11. I would voluntarily look after a neighbor's pet or children without being paid.
12. I would offer to help a handicapped or elderly person across the street.
13. I would offer my seat on a train or bus to someone who was standing.
14. I would help an acquaintance move houses.

### **Scoring:**

- Sum all item ratings together.
- A higher score indicates greater altruism.