

SCALE FOR PARENT-OFFSPRING CONFLICT OVER MATE CHOICE

English version

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Response scale for all items:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
much more unacceptable to me			equally unacceptable to me and my parents			much more unacceptable to my parents

There are certain traits that you look for in a potential romantic partner. Your parents also prefer certain kinds of traits in your potential partner. However, you and your parents may emphasize different kinds of traits. In some cases, you and your parents may agree.

Below are questions intended to measure such conflicts. Imagine a potential romantic partner for yourself, and assign each of the following characteristics to the potential partner. In your opinion, would this be more unacceptable to you or to your parents?

1. If my potential partner was physically unattractive, this would be:
2. If my potential partner was too short, this would be:
3. If my potential partner was too fat, this would be:
4. If my potential partner had a bad smell, this would be:
5. If my potential partner had physical or mental illnesses, this would be:
6. If my potential partner was unfriendly and unkind, this would be:
7. If my potential partner was unintelligent, this would be:
8. If my potential partner had a low level of education, this would be:
9. If my potential partner was poor, this would be:
10. If my potential partner was physically unfit, this would be:
11. If my potential partner lacked creativity, this would be:
12. If my potential partner had no artistic abilities, this would be:
13. If my potential partner had no sense of humor, this would be:

14. If my potential partner did not have a good family background, this would be:
15. If my potential partner did not like children, this would be:
16. If my potential partner was not respectful and obedient, this would be:
17. If my potential partner was not a virgin, this would be:
18. If my potential partner was of a different ethnic background, this would be:
19. If my potential partner had different religious beliefs, this would be:
20. If my potential partner was divorced, this would be:
21. If my potential partner had very different attitudes than me, this would be:
22. If my potential partner was from a lower social class, this would be: