Body Art, Religion, and Sensation-Seeking

Please give your best answer to the following questions by filling in the appropriate blank on the computerized answer sheet. You are not obligated in any way to answer questions that make you feel uncomfortable. We thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to these questions!

Please *do not* write your name on this document or on the answer sheet.

1. How many tattoos do you presently have?
   0. None.
   1. 1 tattoo
   2. 2 tattoos
   3. 3 tattoos
   4. 4 tattoos
   5. 5 tattoos
   6. More than 5 tattoos

The next five questions concern your family members; do any of the following have at least one tattoo?

2. Parent or Step-parent
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Don’t know
   4. Not applicable

3. Brother, or Step-brother,
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Don’t know
   4. Not applicable

4. Sister or Step-sister
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Don’t know
   4. Not applicable

5. Grandparent
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Don’t know
   4. Not applicable

6. Aunt or Uncle
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Don’t know
   4. Not applicable

7. Think for a moment of your FIVE CLOSEST FRIENDS with whom you have social and recreational life. Do not include close relatives. How many of these friends have tattoos?
   0. None have tattoos
   1. One
   2. Two
   3. Three
   4. Four
   5. All five have tattoos

8. In your opinion, how likely are you to be interested in tattoos?
   1. = Extremely Unlikely
   2. Unlikely
   3. = Somewhat Likely
   4. = Very Likely
   5. Definitely

9. In your opinion, how likely are to you to get a (or another) tattoo?
   1. = Extremely Unlikely
   2. Unlikely
   3. = Somewhat Likely
   4. = Very Likely
   5. Definitely

If you DO NOT have any tattoos, please skip to PAGE 3 and begin with Question 26. (Please also skip to question number 26 on the ANSWER SHEET.) If you have at least one tattoo, please answer the next 16 questions.

10. How many tattoos have you gotten since you have been in college?
    0. None
   1. One tattoo
   2. Two tattoos
   3. Three tattoos
   4. Four tattoos
   5. Five or more tattoos
11. How old were you when you got your first tattoo?
   1. Under 15  6. 19
   2. 15         7. 20
   3. 16         8. 21
   4. 17         9. 22 or older
   5. 18

12. Do you ever worry about taking tattooing “too far” or “becoming addicted” to tattooing?
   1. Yes        2. No        3. Not Sure

13. Do you ever worry that your tattoo(s) would ever prevent you from achieving a goal or getting a promotion of some sort?
   1. Yes        2. No        3. Not Sure

14. Has having a tattoo prevented you from achieving a goal or getting a promotion of some sort?
   1. Yes        2. No        3. Not Sure

15. Would you say that the reaction of your family to your tattoo(s) has been:
   4. = Both positive and negative  5. Negative  6. Very Negative
   7. No one in family knows about the tattoo(s)

16. Would you say that the reaction of your friends to your tattoo(s) has been:
   4. = Both positive and negative  5. Negative  6. Very Negative
   7. Friends do not know about the tattoo(s)

17. In general, to what extent would you agree or disagree that you still like your tattoo(s)?
   4. Agree  5. Strongly Agree

18. To what extent would you agree or disagree that you are unhappy with at least one of your tattoos?
   4. Agree  5. Strongly Agree

19. Do you have a tattoo on a part of your body that is generally visible to others when you’re wearing typical clothing for you?
   1. Yes        2. No

20. Do you have a tattoo on a part of your body that is semi-visible, that is, others can only see it when you’re wearing clothing similar to a swimsuit or undergarments?
   1. Yes        2. No

21. Do you have a tattoo that can only be seen when your body is unclothed?
   1. Yes        2. No

22. At the time you obtained at least one of your tattoos, to what extent would you agree or disagree that you considered yourself to be a risk-taker:

23. At the time you obtained at least one of your tattoos, to what extent would you agree or disagree that you were feeling deviant (somewhat rebellious):
24. Does your tattoo (or at least one of your tattoos) depict what you consider to be a religious symbol?  
   1. Yes  
   2. No

IMPORANT NOTE: If you answered “Yes” to question 24 above, please continue answering questions. But when you’re finished, please also answer question 24A on the LAST PAGE in a more narrative form. Thank you!

25. Are all of your tattoos religious?  
   1. Yes  
   2. No

For these next questions, a body piercing includes any insertion of sharp implements to create an opening for decorative ornaments such as jewelry. This definition DOES NOT include standard wire/post ear lobe piercings.

However, PLEASE INCLUDE ear rim or cartilage piercings as well as any ear lobe piercings that are GAUGED beyond the thickness of standard wires or posts.

26. How many body piercings do you CURRENTLY have? (Remember – do NOT include ear lobe piercings unless they are gauged).  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 piercings  
   6. 6 piercings  
   7. 7 piercings  
   8. 8 piercings  
   9. 9 or more piercings

27. How many piercings have you had in your lifetime? (Count piercings that you have re-inserted as a new piercing).  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 piercings  
   6. 6 piercings  
   7. 7 piercings  
   8. 8 piercings  
   9. 9 or more piercings

28. How many piercings have you removed? (Include those you removed even though you may have since re-inserted them).  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 piercings  
   6. 6 piercings  
   7. 7 piercings  
   8. 8 piercings  
   9. 9 or more piercings

The next five questions concern family members; do any of the following members currently have at least one body piercing? (Remember the definition above – do not count standard wire/post ear lobe piercings.)

29. Parent or Step-parent  
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know  
   4. Not applicable

30. Brother, or Step-brother,  
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know  
   4. Not applicable

31. Sister or Step-sister  
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know  
   4. Not applicable

32. Grandparent  
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know  
   4. Not applicable

33. Aunt or Uncle  
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Don’t know  
   4. Not applicable
34. Think for a moment of your **FIVE CLOSEST FRIENDS** with whom you have social and recreational life. Do not include close relatives. How many of these friends have piercings?
   0. None have piercings
   1. One
   2. Two
   3. Three
   4. Four
   5. All five have piercings

35. In your opinion, how likely are you to be interested in body piercing?
   4. = Very Likely  5. Definitely

36. In your opinion, how likely are you to get a (or another) body piercing?
   4. = Very Likely  5. Definitely

**Think now about the person with a few (1-3) piercings, wearing standard wire/post, delicate appearing piercing jewelry, in such locations as an ear cartilage and/or naval.**

37. In general, how similar do you think you are to this person who is your age with these body piercings?
   1. Not at all similar  2. Somewhat similar  3. Very similar

38. With regard to your view of rebellious behavior, compare a piercing of this type (1-3 piercings in an area such as the navel or ear cartilage) with getting a tattoo. Is this type of piercing:
   1. Less rebellious than a tattoo
   2. Equally rebellious to a tattoo
   3. More rebellious than a tattoo

**Think now about the person with more (4-6) piercings, wearing regular piercing jewelry, and in such locations as the tongue, nose, eyebrow or lip.**

39. In general, how similar do you think you are to this type person who is your age with these body piercings?
   1. Not at all similar  2. Somewhat similar  3. Very similar

40. With regard to your view of rebellious behavior, compare a piercing of this type (4-6 piercings in areas such as tongue, nose, eyebrow, or lip) with getting a tattoo. Is this type of piercing:
   1. Less rebellious than a tattoo
   2. Equally rebellious to a tattoo
   3. More rebellious than a tattoo

**Please go on to the next page**
Think now about the person with many (7 or more) piercings, wearing heavy gauge jewelry, and piercings in locations such as the nipples and/or genitals.

41. In general, how similar do you think you are to this type person who is your age with these body piercings?  
1. Not at all similar  
2. Somewhat similar  
3. Very similar

42. With regard to your view of rebellious behavior, compare a piercing of this type (7 or more piercings, in areas such as nipples or genitals) with getting a tattoo. Is this type of piercing:
   1. Less rebellious than a tattoo  
   2. Equally rebellious to a tattoo  
   3. More rebellious than a tattoo

If you have NEVER HAD a body piercing, please skip to PAGE 7 and begin with question 60. (Please also skip to Question 60 on the ANSWER SHEET). If you have at least one piercing, please answer the next 17 questions.

43. How old were you when you got your first body piercing?  
   1. Under 15  
   2. 15  
   3. 16  
   4. 17  
   5. 18  
   6. 19  
   7. 20  
   8. 21  
   9. 22 or older

44. How many body piercings have you gotten since you have been in college?  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 or more piercings

45. How many of your present piercings are located in visible areas such as the ears and face, excluding the earlobe?  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 or more piercings

46. How many of your present piercings are located in semi-visible areas such as the naval (belly button) or tongue?  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 or more piercings

47. How many of your present piercings are located in your nipple(s)?  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 or more piercings

48. How many of your present piercings are located in your genital area?  
   0. None  
   1. 1 piercing  
   2. 2 piercings  
   3. 3 piercings  
   4. 4 piercings  
   5. 5 or more piercings
49. In general, to what extent would you agree or disagree that you still like your body piercing(s)?
   4. Agree  5. Strongly Agree

50. To what extent would you agree or disagree that you are unhappy with at least one of your body piercings?
   4. Agree  5. Strongly Agree

51. Do you sometimes worry about “going too far” or “becoming addicted” to body piercing?
   1. Yes  2. No  3. Not Sure

52. Do you sometimes worry that your body piercing(s) would prevent you from achieving a goal or getting a promotion?
   1. Yes  2. No  3. Not Sure

53. Has having a body piercing prevented you from achieving a goal or getting a promotion?
   1. Yes  2. No  3. Not Sure

54. Would you say that the reaction of your family to your body piercing(s) has been?
   4. = Both positive and negative  5. Negative  6. Very Negative
   7. No one in family knows about the piercing(s).

55. Would you say that the reaction of your friends to your body piercing(s) has been:
   4. = Both positive and negative  5. Negative  6. Very Negative
   7. Friends do not know about the piercing(s).

56. Do you generally wear at least one article of piercing jewelry that is, for you, a religious symbol?
   1. Yes  2. No

57. Are all of your articles of piercing jewelry religious symbols?
   1. Yes  2. No

58. At the time you obtained at least one of your body piercings, to what extent would you agree or disagree that you considered yourself to be a risk-taker?

59. At the time you obtained at least one of your body piercings, to what extent would you agree or disagree that you were feeling deviant (somewhat rebellious)?

Please to on to the next page
For each of the twenty items on this page, indicate which response (1, 2, 3, or 4) best applies to you:

1. Describes me very well
2. Describes me somewhat
3. Does not describe me very well
4. Does not describe me at all

60. I can see how it would be interesting to marry someone from a foreign country.
61. When the water is very cold, I prefer not to swim even if it is a hot day.
62. If I have to wait in a long line, I’m usually patient about it.
63. When I listen to music, I like it to be loud.
64. When taking a trip, I think it best to make as few plans as possible and just take it as it comes.
65. I stay away from movies that are said to be frightening or highly suspenseful.
66. I think it’s fun and exciting to perform or speak before a group.
67. If I were to go to an amusement park, I would prefer to ride the roller-coaster or other fast rides.
68. I would like to travel to places that are strange and far away.
69. I would never like to gamble with money, even if I could afford it.
70. I would have enjoyed being one of the first explorers of an unknown land.
71. I like a movie where there are a lot of explosions and car chases.
72. I don’t like extremely hot and spicy foods.
73. In general, I work better when I’m under pressure.
74. I often like to have the radio or TV on while I’m doing something else, such as reading or cleaning up.
75. It would be interesting to see a car accident happen.
76. I think it’s best to order something familiar when eating in a restaurant.
77. I like the feeling of standing next to the edge on a high place and looking down.
78. If it were possible to visit another planet or the moon for free, I would be among the first in line to sign up.
79. I can see how it must be exciting to be in a battle during a war.
80. How likely are you to seek new and exciting experiences and sensations even if they are a little unconventional?
   1. = Extremely Unlikely
   2. Unlikely
   3. = Somewhat Likely
   4. = Very Likely
   5. Definitely

81. How likely are you to seek new and exciting experiences and sensations even if they are illegal?
   1. = Extremely Unlikely
   2. Unlikely
   3. = Somewhat Likely
   4. = Very Likely
   5. Definitely

82. In general, would you consider your current religious faith to be
   1. Very Strong
   2. Moderately Strong
   3. Moderately Weak
   4. Very Weak
   5. Non-existent

83. About how often do you pray?
   0. Never
   1. Less than once a week
   2. Once a week
   3. Several times a week
   4. Daily
   5. Several times a day

84. How close do you feel to God most of the time?
   1. Very close
   2. Moderately Close
   3. Moderately Distant
   4. Very distant
   5. No closeness at all

85. How often do you attend worship services now?
   0. Never
   1. Once or twice a year
   2. Once every other month or so
   3. About once a month
   4. Two or three times a month
   5. Weekly or more often

86. Do you regularly attend (once/month or more often) worship services where most of the people’s religious beliefs are similar to yours?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. I do not regularly attend worship services

87. Do you regularly attend (once/month or more often) worship services where most of the people’s religious beliefs are different from yours?
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. I do not regularly attend worship services

(Note: For this next question, “Protestant” generally refers to religious denominations such as Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, Nazarene, and other similar types)

88. With regard to your religious belief system, do you consider yourself to be:
   0. None of the following
   1. Conservative Protestant
   2. Moderate Protestant
   3. Liberal Protestant
   4. Conservative Catholic
   5. Moderate Catholic
   6. Liberal Catholic
   7. Orthodox Jew
   8. Conservative Jew
   9. Reformed Jew
For the next few questions, please indicate whether you Strongly Disagree (SD), Disagree (D), are Uncertain (U), Agree (A), or Strongly Agree (SA) with the following statements regarding specific religious beliefs:

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100. What is the highest level of education achieved by your father?
   
   1. Less than 12\textsuperscript{th} grade  
   2. High school diploma  
   3. Trade school/Vocational training  
   4. Some College  
   5. Associate’s Degree  
   6. College Degree  
   7. Some Graduate School  
   8. Graduate Degree

101. Are you currently:
   
   1. Single and NOT presently involved in a relationship  
   2. Single and involved in a relationship  
   3. Living with significant other  
   4. Married  
   5. Divorced  
   6. Widowed

102. How many cigarettes do you smoke each day?
   
   0. None  
   1. 1-10 cigarettes daily  
   2. 11-20 cigarettes daily  
   3. More than one pack daily

103. How often do you use cannabis (marijuana) recreationally each month?
   
   0. Never  
   1. 1-10 times  
   2. 11-20 times  
   3. More than 20 times

104. How often do you use any illegal drug other than marijuana recreationally each month?
   
   0. Never  
   1. 1-10 times  
   2. 11-20 times  
   3. More than 20 times

For the next three questions, one alcoholic drink is defined as one 12-ounce beer, one 5-ounce glass of wine, or one ounce of distilled spirits, such as whiskey, etc.

105. How often do you consume at least one drink of alcohol each month?
   
   0. Never  
   1. 1-10 times  
   2. 11-20 times  
   3. More than 20 times

106. In the past month, have you consumed five or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion?
   
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Uncertain

107. In the past week, have you consumed five or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion?
   
   1. Yes  
   2. No  
   3. Uncertain

108. How many times have you been arrested for something other than a routine traffic violation?
   
   0. Never  
   1. Once  
   2. Twice  
   3. Three times  
   4. Four times  
   5. Five or more times

109. About how often would you say you cheat on your college work?
   
   0. Never  
   1. Once a year or less  
   2. At least once a semester  
   3. As often as I think I can get away with it.
110. Which University are you currently attending?
   1. Southwest State   3. Midwest State
   2. Southern Baptist   4. Midwest Catholic

111. At what age did you first have sexual intercourse?
   0. You have never had sexual intercourse
   1. Under 15   6. 19
   2. 15   7. 20
   3. 16   8. 21
   4. 17   9. 22 +
   5. 18

   If you answered “You have never had sexual intercourse“ to the above question, you have FINISHED the questionnaire. Thank you very much! However, IF YOU HAVE A RELIGIOUS TATTOO, please use the next page to tell us about it.

112. Approximately how many sexual partners have you had in the past year?
   0. None   5. 5
   1. 1   6. 6
   2. 2   7. 7
   3. 3   8. 8
   4. 4   9. 9 or more

113. Approximately how many sexual partners have you had in your lifetime?
   0. None   5. 5
   1. 1   6. 6
   2. 2   7. 7
   3. 3   8. 8
   4. 4   9. 9 or more

114. In the past year, have your sexual partners been:
   0. No sexual partners in the past year   2. Exclusively female
   1. Exclusively male   3. Both male and female

115. In your lifetime, have your sexual partners been:
   0. No sexual partners in your lifetime   2. Exclusively female
   1. Exclusively male   3. Both male and female

116. About how often would you say that your sexual activity involves unprotected intercourse with a stranger?
   0. You never have sexual intercourse with a stranger
   1. You occasionally have unprotected sexual intercourse with a stranger
   2. About half the time you have sexual intercourse, it is unprotected with a stranger
   3. You almost always have unprotected sexual intercourse with a stranger

   REMEMBER – IF YOU HAVE A RELIGIOUS TATTOO – please use the next page to tell us about it.

   THANK YOU very much for your candor and insights.
**Question 24A** – To be answered only if at least one of your tattoos depicts what you consider to be a religious symbol. Use the back of this page or additional pages if necessary. Please detach this page and return it (along with other pages if applicable) with your answer sheet.

Are you: Male____ Female____ Your age _____ Race/ethnicity ______________

How long have you had your religious tattoo(s)? ______________________________________

Please tell us the story of your religious tattoo(s). Include, but do not feel limited in your discussion to issues such as: What does the tattoo depict? Draw or describe it in detail if you’d like. What led you to consider getting this symbol tattooed on your body? Where is it located on your body? What does the symbol mean to you? How has having this tattoo changed your life, or your faith? What else would you like us to know about your religious tattoo(s)? Add additional pages if necessary.