

General Social Survey

Altruistic helping behaviors were assessed using the self-report altruistic behaviors subscale of the General Social Survey (GSS; Smith, 2005), which is composed of 5 items. The GSS has been used with national normative samples (Smith, 2005). The altruistic behaviors subscale of the GSS demonstrates adequate internal reliability and construct validity (Smith, 2005).

Smith, T.W. (2005). *Altruism and Empathy in America: Trends and Correlates*. Retrieved September, 1, 2009, from <http://www.norc.uchicago.edu/NR/rdonlyres/7EFE80C6-FD3A46F7-AF22-ACE5C9E34E14/0/AltruismandEmpathyinAmerica.pdf>.

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