

Understanding Society User Support - Support #1536

Happiness Questionnaire in Youth Survey

04/26/2021 11:43 AM - Amy Orben

Status:	Resolved	Start date:	04/26/2021
Priority:	Normal	% Done:	100%
Assignee:			
Category:			
Description			
Dear US Team,			
Is there more information available how to Happiness Questionnaire in the Youth Survey (10-15 year olds) was designed? (I am asking about the questions asked about happiness with the six aspects of life, incl. life as a whole, family, friends, school, school work, appearance, which have a visual scale with smiley faces.) Was there consultation with young people about the format in which the questions were asked in? Was it inspired by a previous scale?			
In particular, I am interested in how to team weighed up making the questionnaire more or less consistent with the life satisfaction questions answered by those 16+ (e.g. "how satisfied are you with your life as a whole") which are, for example, not on a visual scale.			
Best wishes, Amy			

History

#1 - 04/27/2021 12:55 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from New to In Progress

- % Done changed from 0 to 10

Hello,

I have passed on your question to the questionnaire team.

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#2 - 04/27/2021 12:55 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Private changed from Yes to No

#3 - 04/30/2021 07:29 AM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback

- % Done changed from 10 to 80

Hi Amy,

The youth survey happiness/satisfaction questions have been carried forward from the BHPS Wave 4 questionnaire (1994) when these were first introduced, and the adult survey questions about life satisfaction have been carried forward from the BHPS Wave 6 adult questionnaires (1996).

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/questionnaire/bhps/bhpsw4q.pdf>

<https://www.understandingsociety.ac.uk/sites/default/files/downloads/documentation/mainstage/questionnaire/bhps/bhpsw6q.pdf>

See Section 5.2.1 of the BHPS Quality Profile which discusses that the youth questionnaire was pre-tested, but it does not discuss any cross-walk between the satisfaction/happiness questions in the youth & adult questionnaires.

<https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/files/bhps/quality-profiles/BHPS-QP-01-03-06-v2.pdf>

Best wishes,
Understanding Society User Support Team

#4 - 10/12/2021 03:03 PM - Understanding Society User Support Team

- Status changed from Feedback to Resolved

- % Done changed from 80 to 100