

ATTITUDES TOWARD WOMEN SCALE (SPENCE & HELMREICH, 1978)

Instructions:

The statements listed below describe attitudes toward the roles of women in society which different people have. There are no right or wrong answers, only opinions. You are asked to express your feeling about each statement by indicating whether you (A) agree strongly, (B) agree mildly, (C) disagree mildly, or (D) disagree strongly.

1. Swearing and obscenity are more repulsive in the speech of a woman than a man.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

- 2.* Under modern economic conditions with women being active outside the home, men should share in household tasks such as washing dishes and doing laundry.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

- 3.* It is insulting to women to have the "obey" clause remain in the marriage service.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

- 4.* A woman should be free as a man to propose marriage.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

5. Women should worry less about their rights and more about becoming good wives and mothers.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

- 6.* Women should assume their rightful place in business and all the professions along with men.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

7. A woman should not expect to go to exactly the same places or to have quite the same freedom of action as a man.

A	B	C	D
Agree strongly	Agree mildly	Disagree mildly	Disagree strongly

8. It is ridiculous for a woman to run a locomotive and for a man to darn socks.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

9. The intellectual leadership of a community should be largely in the hands of men.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

10.* Women should be given equal opportunity with men for apprenticeship in the various trades.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

11.* Women earning as much as their dates should bear equally the expense when they go out together.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

12. Sons in a family should be given more encouragement to go to college than daughters

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

13. In general, the father should have greater authority than the mother in the bringing up of the children.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

14.* Economic and social freedom is worth far more to women than acceptance of the ideal of femininity which has been set up by men.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

15. There are many jobs in which men should be given preference over women in being hired or promoted.

A B C D
Agree strongly Agree mildly Disagree mildly Disagree strongly

In scoring items, A=0, B=1, C=2, D=3 except for the items with an asterisk where the scale is reversed. A high score indicates a profeminist, egalitarian attitude, while a low score indicates a traditional, conservative attitude.