

ABSTRACT

A VALIDATION STUDY OF THE MORALLY DEBATABLE VALUES SCALE – REVISED

The Morally Debatable Behaviors Scale-Revised (Katz, Santman, & Lonero, 1994; MDBS-R) was created to measure morally questionable behaviors. The current study of 206 participants examined the relationships of the MDBS-R with liberalism, spirituality, life satisfaction, and a need to evaluate, as well as investigating the component structure of the MDBS-R. The results indicated that the MDBS-R was an internally consistent measure of moral behavior, with a coefficient alpha of .86. Results of the regression analysis indicated a significant positive relationship between moral behaviors and liberalism. No other predictors were significant. A principal component analysis suggested a two component solution consisting of honesty-legal morality and personal-topical morality.

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