

## JUSTICE

Below you will find various statements. Most likely, you will strongly agree with some statements, and strongly disagree with others. Sometimes you may feel more neutral.

Read each statement carefully and decide to what extent you personally agree or disagree with it. Circle the number which corresponds to this judgment. Make sure you circle a number for every statement.

		strongly agree	agree	slightly agree	slightly disagree	disagree	strongly disagree
1	I think basically the world is a just place.	6	5	4	3	2	1
2	I believe that, by and large, people get what they deserve.	6	5	4	3	2	1
3	I am confident that justice always prevails over injustice.	6	5	4	3	2	1
4	I am convinced that in the long run people will be compensated for injustices.	6	5	4	3	2	1
5	I firmly believe that injustices in all areas of life (e.g., professional, family, politic) are the exception rather than the rule.	6	5	4	3	2	1
6	I think people try to be fair when making important decisions.	6	5	4	3	2	1

# General Belief in a Just World Scale

## Dalbert, Montada, & Schmitt (1987)

### Explanation

#### Development of the scale:

Dalbert, C., Montada, L. & Schmitt, M. (1987). Glaube an eine gerechte Welt als Motiv: Validierungskorrelate zweier Skalen (Belief in a just world as motive: Validity correlates of two scales). *Psychologische Beiträge*, 29, 596-615.

#### Scale description:

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