**Beliefs and Values Inventory**

The Belief and Values Inventory aims to capture the agreement, perceived self-relevance, and interest that individuals place on the following statements. The questionnaire spans political, scientific, religious, paranormal, and moral statements, as well as including 5 control questions.

Participants are asked after each statement to rate their **Agreement, Self-Relevance, and Interest** on a scale of **1-10**.

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| **Theme** | **General/ Specific** | **Question** |

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| **Politics** | General (Government responsibility and style) | 1. The government or state has responsibility to look after the wellbeing of the population.
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|  | 1. Democracy is the best way to govern a country.
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|  |  | 1. The government or state should have as little involvement in the lives of the population as possible.
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|  |  | 1. Taxation should be high to provide high quality public services.
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|  |  | 1. High tax rates penalize people and families who’ve worked hard to earn their money.
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|  | Specific(Political ideology) | 1. It’s good that a lot of countries and states have legalized abortion.
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|  |  | 1. Free healthcare for all, irrespective of income, is a fundamental human right.
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|  |  | 1. It’s right to legally allow people of the same sex to get married.
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|  |  | 1. Women should be legally entitled to equal pay to men for the same work.
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|  |  | 1. Severe punishment for selling and using drugs is the best way to prevent new users.
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| **Morality** | General  | 1. It’s ok to hit or physically hurt someone for no reason if no one is around to know it happened.
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|  | (General moral transgressions) | 1. Making a personal attack on someone on social media is ok if your identity is concealed.
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|  |  | 1. Saying something to cause emotional distress is fine if there aren’t any negative personal consequences.
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|  |  | 1. It’s fine to never share your money if there were no negative personal consequences.
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|  |  | 1. It is always wrong to have sexual contact with someone if they’re unable to give consent.
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|  | Specific | 1. Running a red traffic light is fine if no one is around
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|  | (Specific convention) | 1. Spitting on the street is wrong, even if no one sees you do it.
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|  |  | 1. Drink-driving isn’t a problem as long as no one gets hurt.
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|  |  | 1. Skipping a queue is never ok, even if no one notices.
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|  |  | 1. Not paying for a bus/train is fine as long as no one catches you.
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| **Science** | General  | 1. Science will never fully understand the mysteries of the universe.
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|  | (Belief in the power of general scientific enquiry) | 1. Reason and measurement are the only reliable basis for knowledge.
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|  |  | 1. Science will eventually give a more correct and reliable account of human behavior than literary works such as novels, plays, and poetry.
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|  |  | 1. The scientific method is the best technique we have to understand the way we should live our lives.
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|  |  | 1. Science is our most powerful tool for improving human health.
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|  | Specific | 1. Cigarette smoking causes lung cancer.
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|  | (Belief in specific factual evidence) | 1. There is no evidence that vaccines cause autism.
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|  |  | 1. Carbon dioxide emissions due to human activity are an important cause of global warming.
2. Homeopathy is as effective as modern medical treatments.
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|  |  | 1. Evolutionary theory is the best explanation we have for the origin of species.
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| **Religion** | General  | 1. Each human being has a soul or spirit which survives death.
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|  | (Core religious metaphysical principles) | 1. God(s) can intervene in the world to influence natural processes
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|  |  | 1. Death is not the end of personal existence.
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|  |  | 1. God(s) only exists in the human imagination (r)
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|  |  | 1. Living a good life will mean rewards in the next.
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|  | Specific | 1. Prayer or religious practice is one of the most important ways of improving our lives.
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|  | (Belief in religious application) |
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|  |  | 1. God can communicate with people, but people often mistake the message.
2. Practicing religion makes people more moral than atheists.
3. Religion should play a central role in society.
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|  |  | 1. If religions were properly practiced the world would be a better place.
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| **Paranormal** | Specific | 1. A person’s star sign gives important information about their character
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|  | (Magical thinking) |
|  |  | 1. The number 13 is unlucky.
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|  |  | 1. Tarot cards can genuinely predict the future.
2. Misalignment of chakras can cause ill health.
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|  |  | 1. Crystals can be used for healing.
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|  | General(Clinical analogues) | 1. It is possible to communicate with people after they’ve died.
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|  | 1. Certain objects and actions can ward off bad luck.
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|  | 1. Some people have special powers to affect things at a distance.
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|  | 1. You can learn about your destiny through hidden signs in the world around us.
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|  | 1. Some people can affect the world around them purely through mental activity.
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| **Control Questions** |  | 1. The earth revolves around the sun.
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|  |  | 1. Barack Obama was previously president of the USA.
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|  |  | 1. Murdering someone is punishable under criminal law in the UK.
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|  |  | 1. History is a study of the past.
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|  |  | 1. Australia is located in the southern hemisphere.
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