Collective Efficacy Scale

This survey accompanies a measure in the SPARQTools.org Measuring Mobility toolkit, which provides practitioners curated instruments for assessing mobility from poverty and tools for selecting the most appropriate measures for their programs.

Age: Adult
Duration: < 3 minutes
Reading Level: < 6th grade
Number of items: 10
Answer Format: This survey uses multiple answer formats. Please see the scoring instructions below for more information.

Scoring

The Informal Social Control subscale items are Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, and Q5. The answer format for these items is: 1 = very likely; 2 = likely; 3 = neither likely nor unlikely; 4 = unlikely; 5 = very unlikely.

The Social Cohesion and Trust subscale items are Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, and Q10. The answer format for these items is: 1 = strongly agree; 2 = agree; 3 = neither agree nor disagree; 4 = disagree; 5 = strongly disagree.

Q9 and Q10 should be reverse-scored. Reverse-scored items are worded in the opposite direction of what the scale is measuring. The formula for reverse-scoring an item is:

((Number of scale points) + 1) - (Respondent's answer)

For example, Q9 is a 5-point scale. If a respondent answered *2* on Q9, you would re-code their answer as: (5 + 1) - 2 = 4.

In other words, you would enter a *4* for this respondents' answer to Q9.

To calculate subscale scores, take the average by adding respondents' answers to each subscale's items and dividing this sum by 5.

Sources:
Sampson, R. J., Raudenbush, S. W., & Earls, F. (1997). Neighborhoods and violent crime: A multilevel study of collective efficacy. *Science, 277*, 918-924.

Instructions: Please circle your answer below.

Could your neighbors be counted on to intervene in various ways if:

1. Children were skipping school and hanging out on a street corner

| Very likely | Likely | Neither likely nor unlikely | Unlikely | Very unlikely |

2. Children were spray-painting graffiti on a local building

| Very likely | Likely | Neither likely nor unlikely | Unlikely | Very unlikely |

3. Children were showing disrespect to an adult

| Very likely | Likely | Neither likely nor unlikely | Unlikely | Very unlikely |

4. A fight broke out in front of their house

| Very likely | Likely | Neither likely nor unlikely | Unlikely | Very unlikely |

5. The fire station closest to their home was threatened with budget cuts

| Very likely | Likely | Neither likely nor unlikely | Unlikely | Very unlikely |

Instructions: Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

6. "People around here are willing to help their neighbors"

    Strongly agree   Agree   Neither agree   Disagree   Strongly
                                      nor disagree   disagree

7. "This is a close-knit neighborhood"

    Strongly agree   Agree   Neither agree   Disagree   Strongly
                                      nor disagree   disagree

8. "People in this neighborhood can be trusted"

    Strongly agree   Agree   Neither agree   Disagree   Strongly
                                      nor disagree   disagree

9. "People in this neighborhood generally don't get along with each other"

    Strongly agree   Agree   Neither agree   Disagree   Strongly
                                      nor disagree   disagree

10. "People in this neighborhood do not share the same values"

    Strongly agree   Agree   Neither agree   Disagree   Strongly
                                      nor disagree   disagree