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Dear Dean,
How are you?

I have a data set on the SCI I wanted to consult you about.
We ran scale 1 and 9 of the SCI on 100 students, together with a measure of obsessive-compulsive behavior and a measure of interpersonal distance. We found that the overall feeling of control ("overall") was negatively correlated with the desire for control ("desire"); ("overall" was negatively correlated with interpersonal distance and with obsessivity while "desire" was positively correlated with both.) We found no correlation between obsessivity and interpersonal distance although both were highly correlated (as described) with "overall" and "desire". We also found fascinating gender differences: men felt they had more control than did women; women felt more desire for control. However, in both genders the pattern of

correlations was as I have described, so the dynamic is the same. These are suggestive data and I would be happy to hear your thoughts about them. One disturbing fact is that the scale score for "desire" in our sample is quite different from the one for non-screened college students which appears in the SCI manual - the mean is about double. For "overall" we get the same mean scale score.

I would be happy to hear your thoughts on these data.

Shanna Tova,
Ada

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Deane:

the overall feeling of control ("overall") was negatively correlated with the desire for control ("desire"); If you look at appendix 3, you will see that sometimes there is a small correlation between these two. However, for our normals and college unscreened there is not. For your group, the more they desired control, the less they felt they had (or the less they felt they had, the more they desired it).

"overall" was negatively correlated with interpersonal distance and with obsessivity. more the sense of control, the less interpersonal distance, the less obsessivity; makes sense!

"desire" was positively correlated with both. Again, makes sense: Regarding obsessive and desire: they don't feel they have control, they both desire and seek it through their rituals. What do you make of the positive correlation between desire and interpersonal distance? Fear of people because can't control them, so stay distant? But then why no correlation between OCD and interperson distance? IS desire for control a mediator?

ADA:

men felt they had more control than did women; women felt more desire for control. However, in both genders the pattern of correlations was as I have described, so the dynamic is the same. very interesting. Any thoughts why? (I guess that would mean women felt greater desire for control, and less a sense of control than men? Men felt more of sense of control and less desire for control? is that correct? Do you think that would be true of the culture at large? or just this population?

ADA

Deane: One disturbing fact is that the scale score for "desire" in our sample is quite different from the one for non-screened college students which appears in the SCI manual - the mean is about double. For "overall" we get the same mean scale score. find that result quite interesting. It suggests that the issue may be "desire for control" with OCD's. Check your groups desire for control with our Adult children of alcoholic population, or borderline, which had a quite high desire for control.