

Finally, re your study. It seems you have some interesting results. A couple thoughts.

- 1) overall sense of control should be inversely correlated with Spiegelberg's state and trait anxiety (overall sense of control is scale 1) on material I sent you.
- 2) domain specific sense of control should be inversely correlated with Spiegelberg state.
- 3) Now, I would think those with high positive assertive, and those with high negative assertive may have the most anxiety (positive correlations) with Spiegelberg, because there is nothing they can do about this situation, and they are passively waiting for results.
- 4) Similarly, between negative yielding and anxiety
- 5) what should be interesting is positive yielding (scale 6).

In terms of your results, #a: I can understand positive assertive negative correlation with anxiety decrease (because we have found that when you feel responsible, and are in active control, there is always some anxiety associated with that).

However, I am surprised by positive yielding, because generally that accepting attitude is correlated with decreased anxiety. Maybe look at those two again--I'd be interested in the correlations of each.

#b: that is understandable: sometimes people feel both overcontrolling and helpless.

#c: again, positive assertive correlation with anxiety I understand; positive yielding intrigues me.

If you have a correlation matrix with SCI and Spiegelberg, I'd love to see it, as well as some of the above data.

I think your idea of looking at different preferred modes (e.g., high positive yielding group vs. high positive assertive vs. high negative assertive in an ANOVA) would be both kosher and interesting...

There also is a desire for control (scale 9), which I would be interesting in seeing how it correlates with anxiety reduction...