

The Context Sensitivity Index

Read the following short descriptions of situations that may arise in your everyday life. For each situation, first spend a few moments to try to imagine that you are actually in the situation, and then answer the questions that follow by circling the number that best corresponds with your response.

1. A friend calls and asks you to do a favor for their partner, whom you don't like.

	Not at all				Very much		
a. How much control do you have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. How much control do <u>others</u> have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. How much cooperation do you need from others to respond to this situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. How threatening is this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

2. Your partner is at risk for diabetes and has been told by his/her doctor to go on a diet. He/she is refusing.

	Not at all				Very much		
a. How much control do you have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. How much control do <u>others</u> have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. How much cooperation do you need from others to respond to this situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d. How threatening is this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

3. You are walking down a street when you see a person slip and fall. They hit their head when they land.

	Not at all				Very much		
a. How much control do you have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. How urgently do you need to respond in this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. How much cooperation do you need from others to respond to this situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

4. You take a medicine and it makes your nauseous. Your doctor tells you that it is not serious and that you just have to "wait it out".

	Not at all				Very much		
a. How much control do <u>others</u> have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. How urgently do you need to respond in this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. How much cooperation do you need from others to respond to this situation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

5. You are reading a book while you wait for a flight. When the plane begins to take off you realize you have left the book in the waiting area.

	Not at all				Very much		
a. How much control do you have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. How urgently do you need to respond in this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c. How threatening is this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

6. You see somebody on a street suddenly punch another person. They turn to you angrily saying "What are you looking at?"

	Not at all				Very much		
a. How much control do <u>others</u> have over what happens next?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b. How urgently do you need to respond in this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e. How threatening is this situation?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Scoring for the CSI

Each appraisal dimension is scored following the key below. Reverse coded items are indicated by capital "R" such that a response of 1 is scored as 7, a response of 2 is scored as 6, etc. Thus, cue absence score represents sensitivity to the relative absence of a cue.

BASIC INDICES

Cue Presence (10 items):

$(1a + 2b + 2c + 2d + 3a + 3b + 3c + 6a + 6b + 6c)$

Cue Absence (10 items, all reversed coded):

$(1bR + 1cR + 1dR + 2aR + 4aR + 4bR + 4cR + 5aR + 5bR + 5cR)$