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Access and Use of Psi Beta's National Research Study Data Files





Who can use the data? If you have a Psi Beta chapter...

All psychology teachers and their students (regardless of Psi Beta membership) are encouraged to use the data.

If the data are used for a poster or research paper, please acknowledge Psi Beta National as the data source.



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Do you have an active Psi Beta chapter on your campus?

If so, here is the URL: https://psibeta.org/national-research-study-2020-2021-raw-data/

Have your primary advisor contact Jerry Rudmann for the password: jerryrudmann@gmail.com

Files mentioned in this presentation can be downloaded from a password protected posting on the Psi Beta website.



Protected: National Research Study (2020-2021) Data Preparation and Analysis Suggestions

Key files to download

Please CLICK HERE to download the raw data file.

Please CLICK HERE to download the codebook.

Please CLICK HERE to download a PDF copy of the research questionnaire that participants responded to.

Please CLICK HERE to download a PDF copy of Soto & John (2017) article on Big Five Inventory (BFI-2)

The experimental treatments you can view

- Link to the Appreciation treatment video https://www.youtube.com/watch?
 v=hrgRgM9InCc&feature=youtu.be
- Link to the Neutral treatment video https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=npZLIS1RUM8&feature=youtu.be
- Link to the Frustration treatment video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59dY-INMiW0&feature=youtu.be

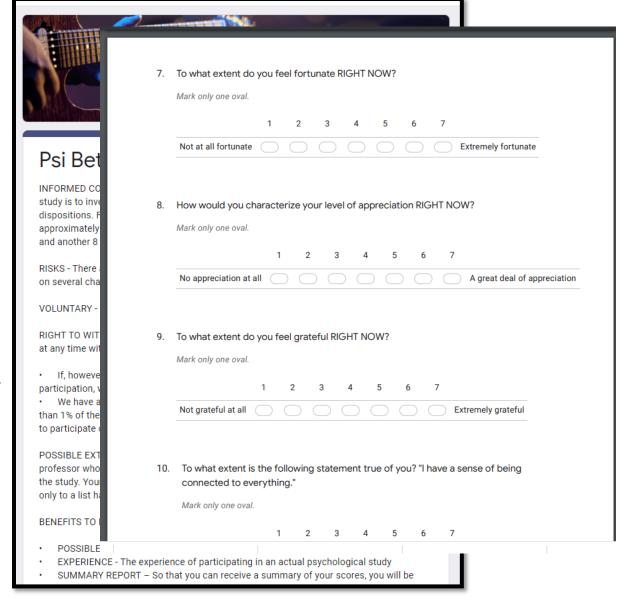
Steps needed to prepare the raw data file before you can analyze it

To prepare your data:

1. Romaya any duplicate cases. This has been done. Over 140 duplicate cases were removed 1

Study Overview...

- The study involved a questionnaire administered online.
- We used Google Forms to create the questionnaire.
- A PDF version of the entire questionnaire can be downloaded from Psi Beta's website.
- The study was mainly a correlational study, but there also was an attempt to include an experiment.
- Finally, we tried using a Google Forms "add on" called "Form Publisher." It allowed us to (automatically) email summary scores to most of our participants.
- Take a look at what participants saw https://forms.gle/JuaUekvroRhJBNCR8



The Experimental Manipulation

	nly one oval. lick here if the last digit of your phone number is 7, 8, or	₉ Δ	Appreciation			
S	kip to section 6 (An Activity for You)					
	lick here if the last digit of your phone number is 4, 5, or kip to section 9 (An Activity for You)	6	Neutral			
	lick here if the last digit of your phone number is 0, 1, 2, kip to section 8 (An Activity for You)	or 3	Frustra	ation		
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Please try to think about a **person** in your life (someone you know personally) whom you appreciate, has value or importance to you, and who is positive or meaningful to you.

Take your time in thinking of someone who has this meaning to you. You will have a minute to think about and choose the person whom you appreciate.

This person will be referred to as "P" for the followup questions.

Ready? Begin thinking.

Think about a....PERSON, OBJECT, PLACE/LOCATION, EVENT

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrgRgM9InCc&feature=youtu.be

The Treatment

Independent Variable

A "brief intervention" in which participants were asked to focus on ONE of the following – (between groups design)

- 1. Frustrating experiences
- Object
- Location or place
- Person
- 2. Neutral experiences
- Object
- Location or place
- Person
- 3. Appreciated experiences
- Object
- Location or place
- Person

Dependent Variables

Gratitude scale

Appreciation

Awe

Happiness

Satisfaction with Life

Self-esteem

Big Five Inventory scales

Positive and Negative Affect

Etc.

The Participant's Experience...

- 1. Informed Consent
- 2. Demographics
 - Sex
 - Age
 - Community College
- 3. Participant's Present State. Right now, how...
 - Happy?
 - Fortunate?
 - Appreciative?
 - Grateful?
 - Connected to everything?
 - Satisfied with life?
 - Interested?
 - Excited?
 - Inspired?
 - Alert?
 - Distressed?
 - Upset?
 - Hostile?
 - Irritable

- 4. Assigned to Treatment (Appreciation, Neutral, or Frustration)
- 5. Satisfaction with Life (SWL) scale
- 6. General Appreciation Scale (GAS) (Tucker)
- 7. Gratitude
- 8. Subjective Happiness Scale (Lyubomirsky)
- 9. Awe
- 10 Big Five 2
- 11. Positive Affect Negative Affect (PANAS)
- 12. Optimism
- 13. Participant's Present State. Right now, how...
 - Happy?
 - Fortunate?
 - Appreciative?
 - Grateful?
 - Connected?
 - Satisfied with Life?

Accessing and Preparing the Raw Data

Software needed to prepare the data file for analysis

- Excel
- JASP or SPSS

Files you'll need to download

- "Raw" data file (Excel)
- PDF of questionnaire (what the participants responded to when they participated)
- Code book list of each variable in the data file
- The Big Five Inventory 2 (BFI-2) (Soto & John, 2017)

Steps for Preparing & Using the National Research Study Datafile

"Raw" Data

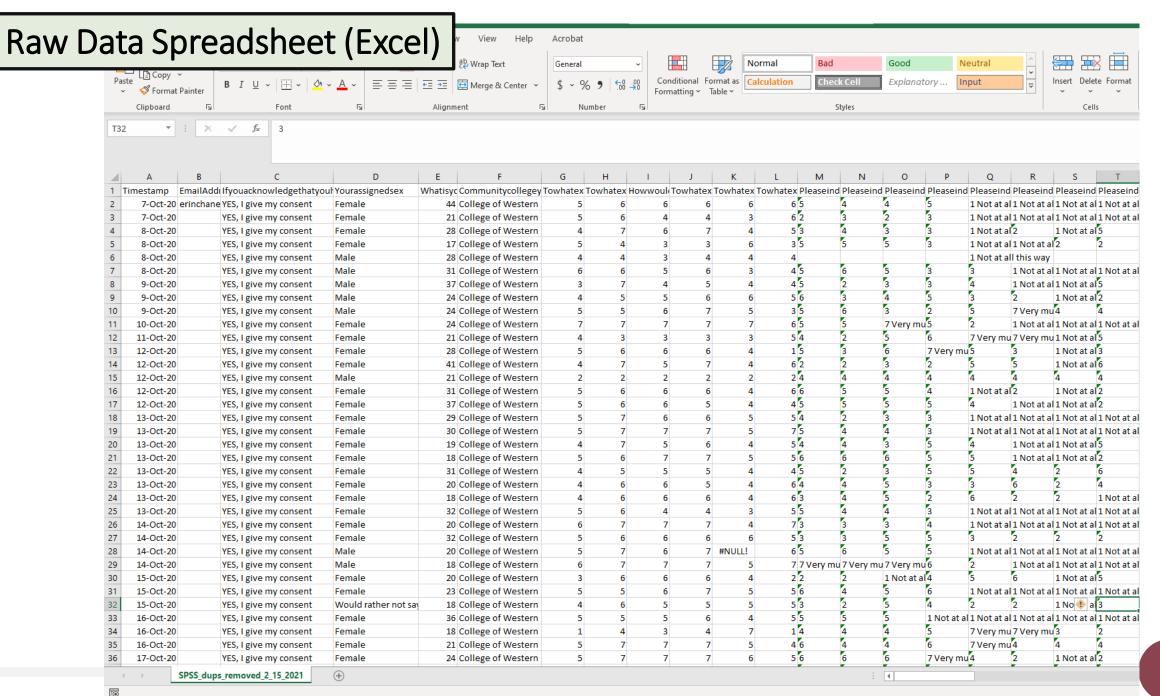
- Composed of cases and variables
- Contains unneeded columns (i.e., variables)
- Contains sensitive information
- Duplicate cases
- Incomplete cases
- Suspicious cases
- Reverse-coded items
- Numerical variables with words

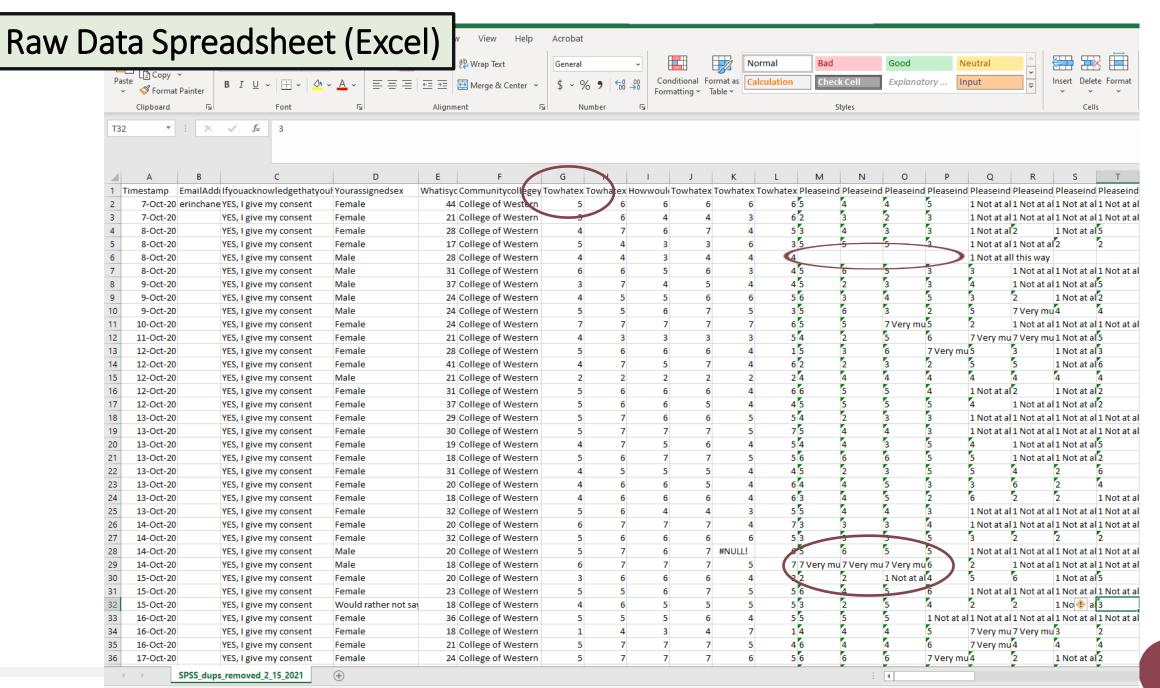
Prepare Data

- Variable removal
 - Sensitive info
 - Useless info
- Rename variables
 - Refer to PDF of questionnaire and the codebook as you rename the variables on your raw data spreadsheet
- Recode string variables to numerical variables
- Reverse code Likert items
- Delete cases
 - Duplicates
 - Incomplete cases
 - "Test" cases and "attend another college" cases

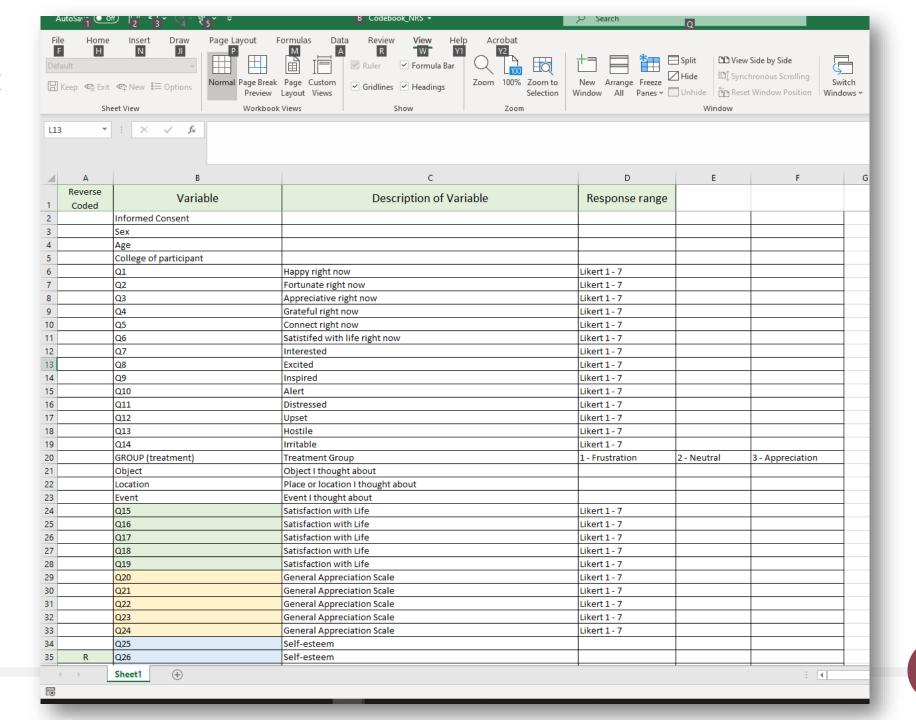
Conduct Data Analyses

- In JASP make sure all variables are numerical
- In JASP or SPSS Compute scale and subscale scores
- Describe participants (compute Descriptive stats)
- Run statistical tests to evaluate your hypotheses

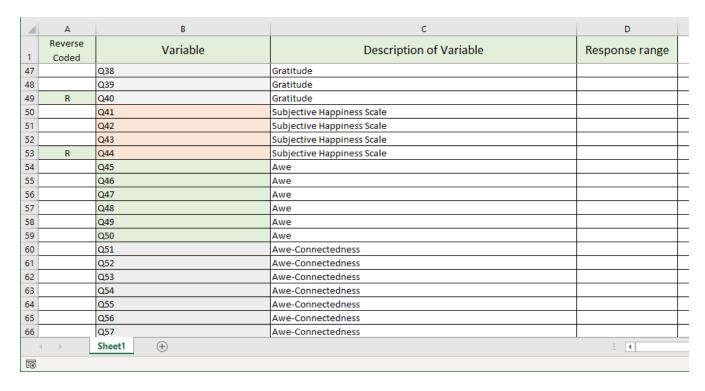




The Codebook



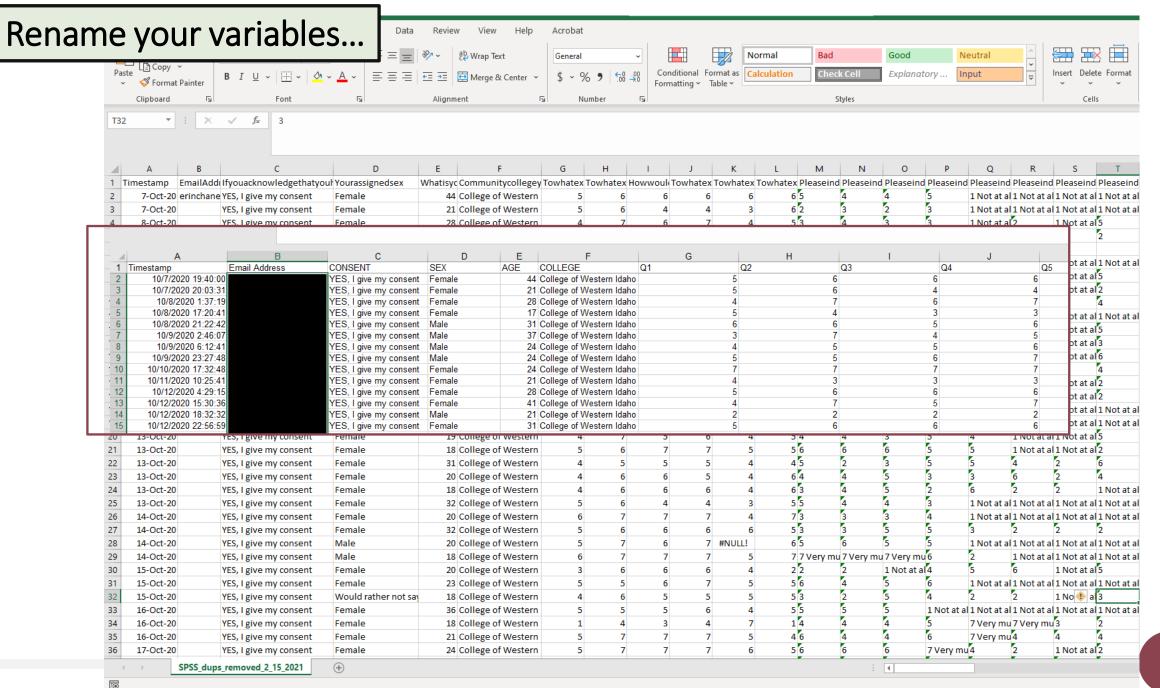
The Codebook



4	А	D	L C
	Reverse	Variable	Description of Variable
1	Coded	Variable	Description of variable
55		Q56	Awe-Connectedness
56		Q57	Awe-Connectedness
57		Q58	Awe-Connectedness
58		Q59	Awe-Connectedness
59		Q60	Awe-Connectedness
70		B1	Big 5 Personality
71		B2	Big 5 Personality
72	R	B3	Big 5 Personality
73		B4	Big 5 Personality
74	R	B5	Big 5 Personality
75		B6	Big 5 Personality
76		B7	Big 5 Personality
77	R	B8	Big 5 Personality
78		B9	Big 5 Personality
79		B10	Big 5 Personality
30	R	B11	Big 5 Personality
31	R	B12	Big 5 Personality
32		B13	Big 5 Personality
33	R	B14	Big 5 Personality
34		B15	Big 5 Personality
	← →	Sheet1 +	

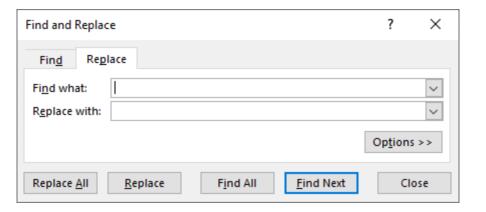
Q1 to Q60 B1 to B60 Q121 to Q156

- A. Rename each variable to match the codebook
- **B. Remove all duplicate cases** sort by email address and removed cases having same email (This has been done)
- C. Recode string variables to numerical variables Use Excel's "find and replace" feature to change words to numbers
- **D. Remove cases with too much missing data -** Use eyeball or use Excel's "**Countblank**" formula to count number of blank cells per participant

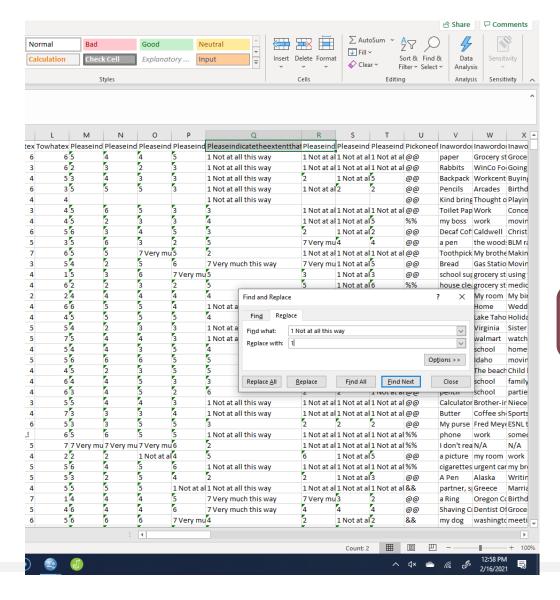


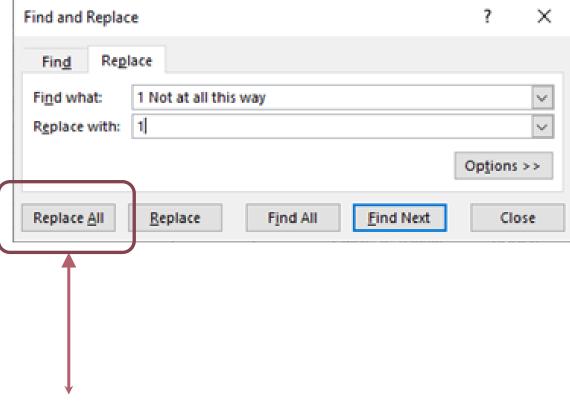
Remove all words from your numerical variables

Use Excel's Find and Replace dialog box



Step-by-step for replacing words with numbers





Reverse code your variables

Reverse Coding – Step by Step

- Q37 states "When I look at the world, I don't have much to be grateful for."
- The codebook indicates that item Q37 needs to be reverse coded.

	Α	В	С
31	Α	Q22	General Appreciation Scale
32		Q23	General Appreciation Scale
33		Q24	General Appreciation Scale
34		Q25	Self-esteem
35	R	Q26	Self-esteem
36		Q27	Self-esteem
37		Q28	Self-esteem
38	R	Q29	Self-esteem
39	R	Q30	Self-esteem
40		Q31	Self-esteem
41	R	Q32	Self-esteem
42	R	Q33	Self-esteem
43		Q34	Self-esteem
44		Q35	Gratitude
45		Q36	Gratitude
46	R	Q37	Gratitude
47		Q38	Gratitude
48		Q39	Gratitude
49	R	Q40	Gratitude
50		Q41	Subjective Happiness Scale
51		Q42	Subjective Happiness Scale
52		Q43	Subjective Happiness Scale
53	R	Q44	Subjective Happiness Scale
54		Q45	Awe

Reverse Coded Variable - example

This item needs to be reverse coded.

Q35 – I have so much in life to be thankful for.

- 1 (Strongly Disagree)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4
- 0 5
- 0 6
- o 7 (Strongly Agree)

Q37 – When I look at the world, I don't see much to be grateful for.

- o 1 (Strongly Disagree)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4
- 0 5
- 0 6
- o 7 (Strongly Agree)

Reverse Coding

<mark>Original</mark>

- 1 (Strongly Disagree)
- 0 2
- 0 3
- 0 4
- 0 5
- 0 6
- o 7 (Strongly Agree)

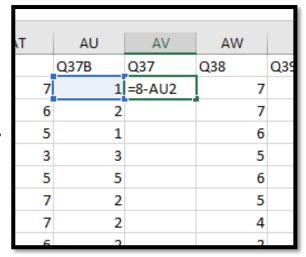
Original to Reverse Coded

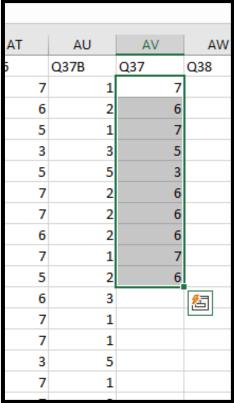
- 0 1 = 7
- 0 2 = 6
- 0 3 = 5
- 0 4 = 4
- 0 5 = 3
- 0 6 = 2
- 0 7 = 1

Reverse Coding – A Step-By-Step Example to reverse-code Q₃₇ all others

- Find column Q307on the data Excel sheet
- Add a blank column to the very right of the Q37 column
- Change the label of the original Q37 column to Q37B (for "Q37 Before")
- Label the new column Q37
- Place the cursor in the first cell of column Q37 (row 2).
- Enter this formula =8-AU2 and press the enter key. You should see reverse code of the original number (i.e., 1 is now 7). AU is the column, 2 is the cell row. Note that when you drag down to the rows below, Excel automatically changes your formula (e.g., "=8-AU2" changes to "=8-AU3" in the next cell down, and so on).
- Now place your cursor on the bottom right corner of column AV cell
 1 and pull the cursor down to the last row in the data set. This
 procedure recodes the values in Q37B and puts them in Q37.

 NOTE: Do NOT delete the Q37B column. Leave it be.
- Repeat this procedure for all variables in the codebook that need recoding. If you see an R in the first column of the codebook, the adjacent variable needs to be recorded.





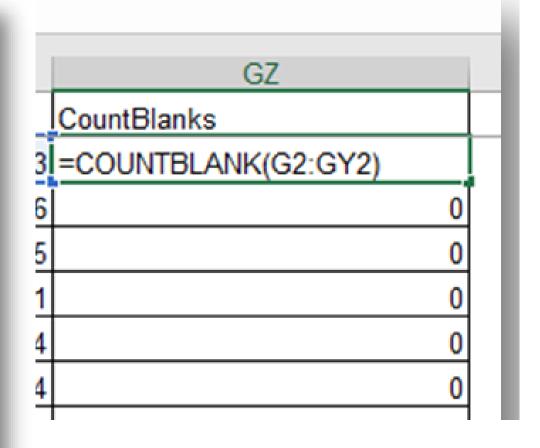
Remove bad cases

- Cases with too much missing data (i.e., blank cells)
- Cases from unknown college

Finding Cases With Missing Data

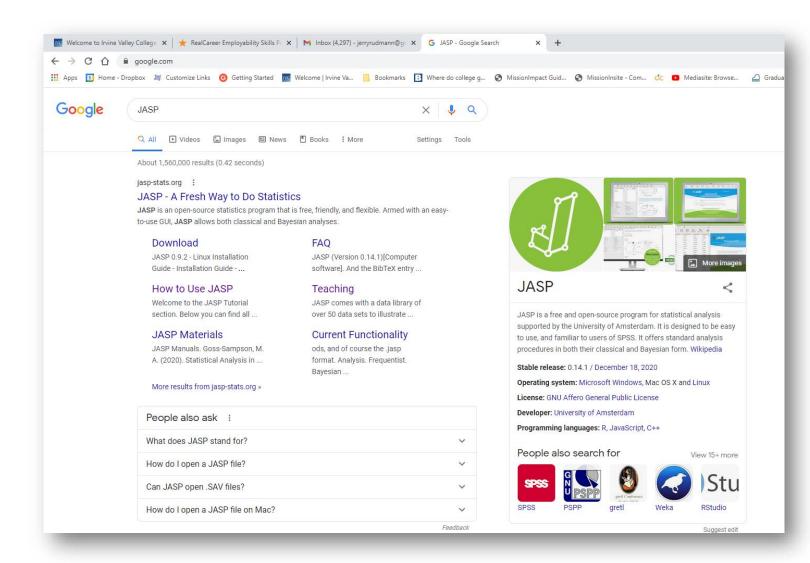
• Use Excel's "CountBlank" formula

	GW	GX	GY	GZ
	Q154	Q155	Q156	CountBlanks
5	5	5	3	=COUNTBLANK(G2:GY2)
7	7	6	6	0
5	6	5	5	0
7	7	5	1	0
5	5	4	4	0
4	4	4	4	0
6	6	5	6	0
6	7	4	3	0
3	6	4	6	0
5	5	2	6	0
4	3	3	5	0
5	5	4	4	0
7	7	6	4	0
5	5	4	4	0
5	5	4	4	0
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5	5	5	4	0
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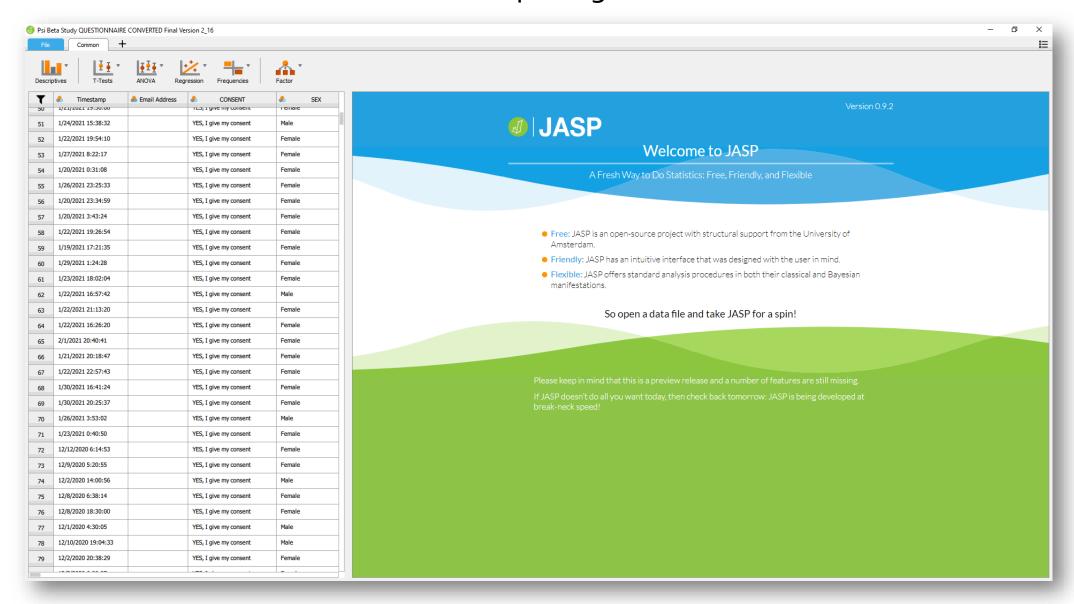


Using JASP

- Download JASP at jasp-stats.org
- Save your Excel file as a CSV file
- Start JASP and open the CSV file
- In JASP
 - Convert all variables to "scale"
 - Use JASP to compute all new variables (e.g., scale scores or BFI subscale scores)
 - Use JASP for analyzing your datafile

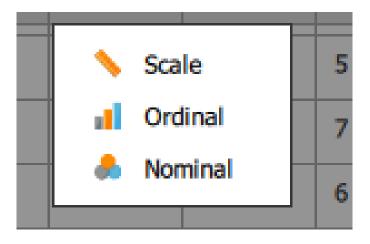


JASP's Opening Screen



Change all numerical variables

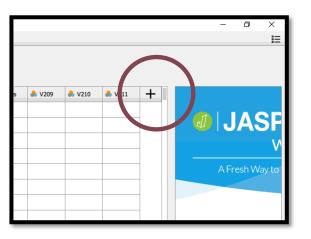
Com	Compute column							
	♣ Q1	♣ Q2	♣ Q3	♣ Q4	♣ Q5	♣ Q6	♣ Q7	♣ Q8
	4	6	5	5	5	5	4	3
	5	6	7	7	6	5	4	5
	4	5	6	5	4	3	2	3
	5	4	6	6	4	6	3	5
	3	3	4	4	4	2	5	5
	5	7	6	6	4	5	6	5
	2	4	6	5	4	5	2	4
	6	6	7	6	3	5	7	7
	4	7	7	7	1	4	6	3

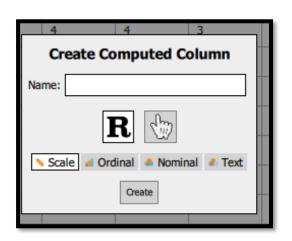


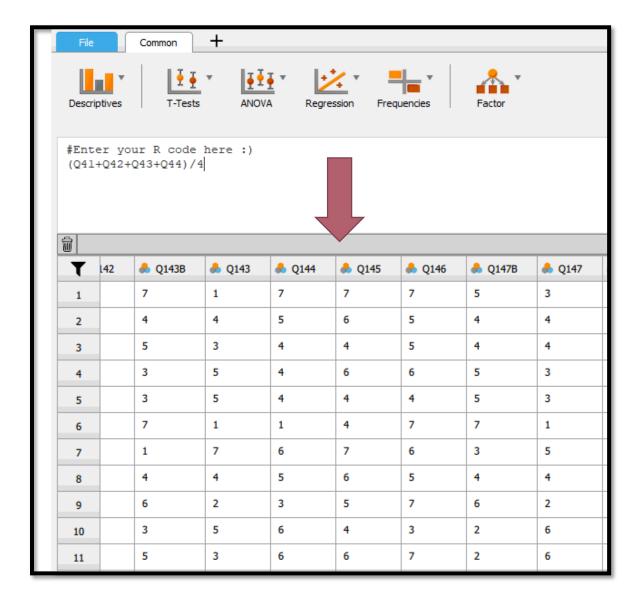
Compute column					
	♦ Q1	♣ Q2	♣ Q3	♣ Q4	
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	5	6	7	7	
	4	5	6	5	
	5	4	6	6	
	3	3	4	4	

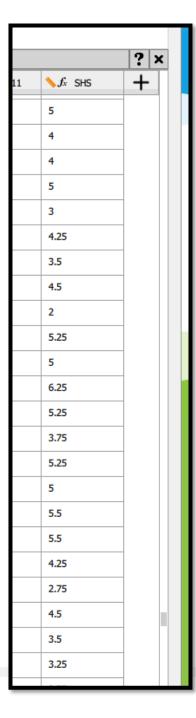
To Create New Variables in JASP (for example the SHS

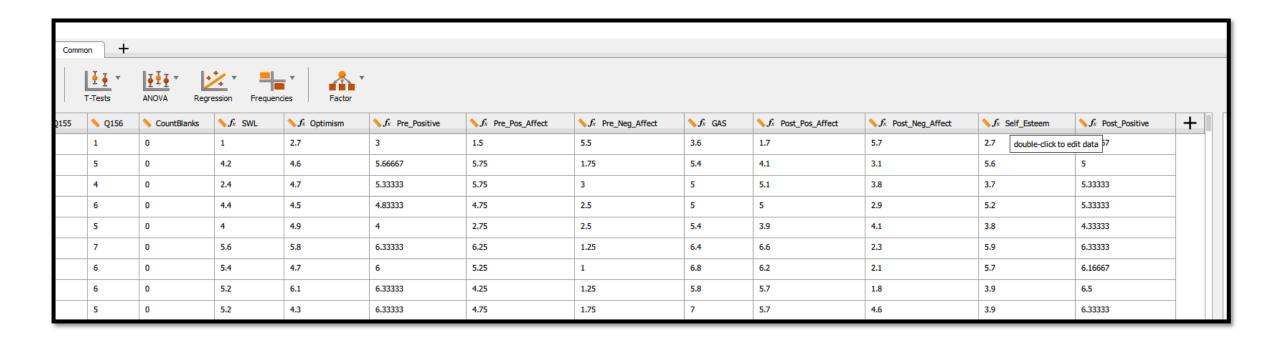
	А	В	C	
163		Q154	Post Grateful right now	
164		Q155	Post Connected right now	
165		Q156	Post Satistifed with Life right now	
166		Computed Variables	Below are formulas for computing each scale or sub-scale	NO BEF sub
167		Pre_Positive	(Q1+Q2+Q3+Q4+Q5+Q6)/6	
168		Pre_Pos_Affect	(Q7+Q8+Q9+Q10)/4	
169		Pre_Neg_Affect	(Q11+Q12+Q13+Q14)/4	
170		Satisfaction with Life (SWL)	(Q15+Q16+Q17+Q18+Q19)/5	
171		General Appreciation Scale (GAS)	(Q20+Q21+Q22+Q23+Q24)/5	
172		Self-Esteem	(Q25+Q26+Q27+Q28+Q29+Q30+Q31+Q32+Q33+Q34)/10	
173		Gratefulness	(Q35+Q36+Q37+Q38+Q39+Q40)6	
174		Subjective Happiness Scale	(Q41+Q42+Q43+q44)/4	
175		AWE	(Q45+Q46+Q47+Q48+Q49+Q50+Q51+Q52+Q53+Q54+Q55+Q56+Q57+Q58+Q59+Q60)/16	
176		Extraversion	(B1+B6+B11+B16+B21+B26+B31+B36+B41+B46+B51+B56)/12	
177	BFI -2	Agreeableness	(B2+B7+B12+B17+B22+B27+B32+B37+B42+B47+B52+B57)/12	
178	Domain	Conscientiousness	(B3+B8+B13+B18+B23+B28+B33+B38+B43+B48+B53+B58)/12	
179	Scales	Negative Emotionality	(B4+B9+B14+B19+B24+B29+B34+B39+B44+B49+B54+B59)/12	
180		Open-Mindedness	(B5+B10+B15+B20+B25+B30+B35+B40+B45+B50+B55+B60)/12	
181		Post-Pos_Affect	(Q121+Q123+Q125+Q129+Q130+Q132+Q134+Q136+Q137+Q139)/10	
182		Post-Neg_Affect	(Q122+Q124+Q126+Q127+Q128+Q131+Q133+Q135+Q138+Q140)/10	
183		Optimism	(Q141+Q142+Q143+Q144+Q145+Q146+Q147+Q148+Q149+Q150)/10	
184		Post_Positive	(Q151+Q152+Q153+Q154+Q155+Q156)/6	







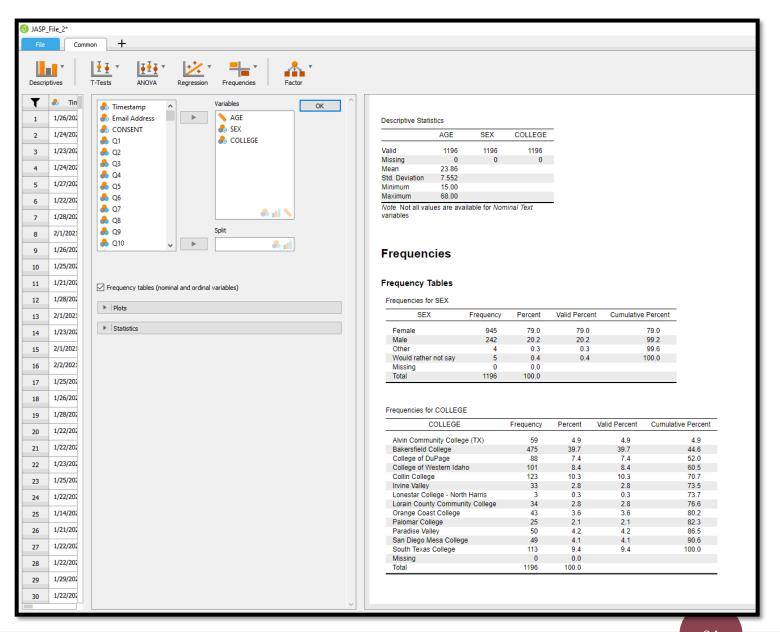




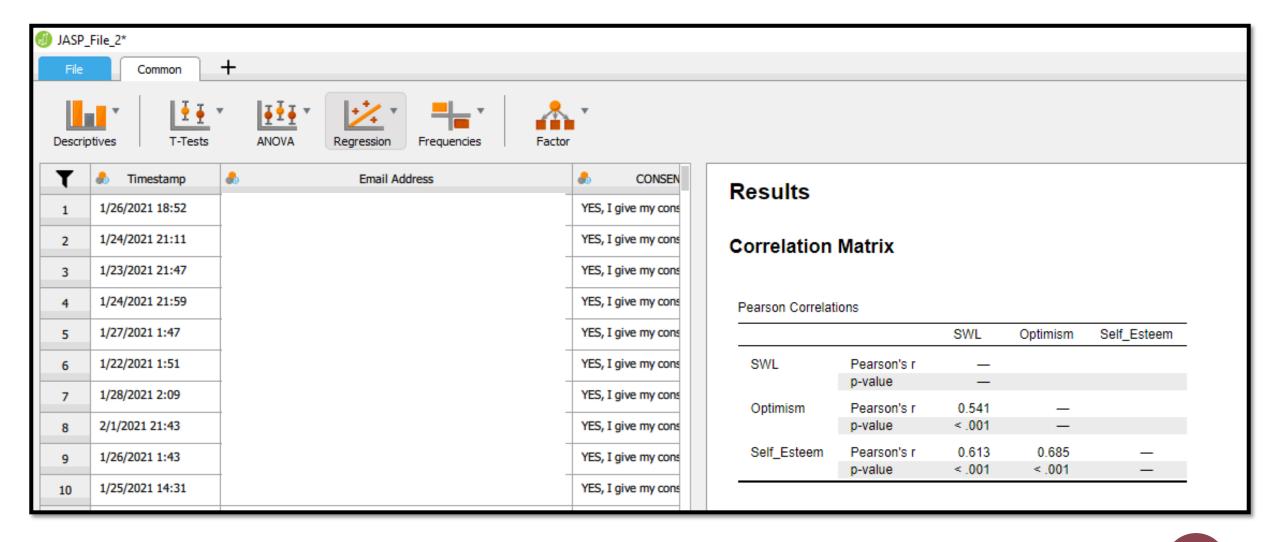
After all variables (scales) have been created, it is time to analyze your data.

Basic Statistical Tests to Try

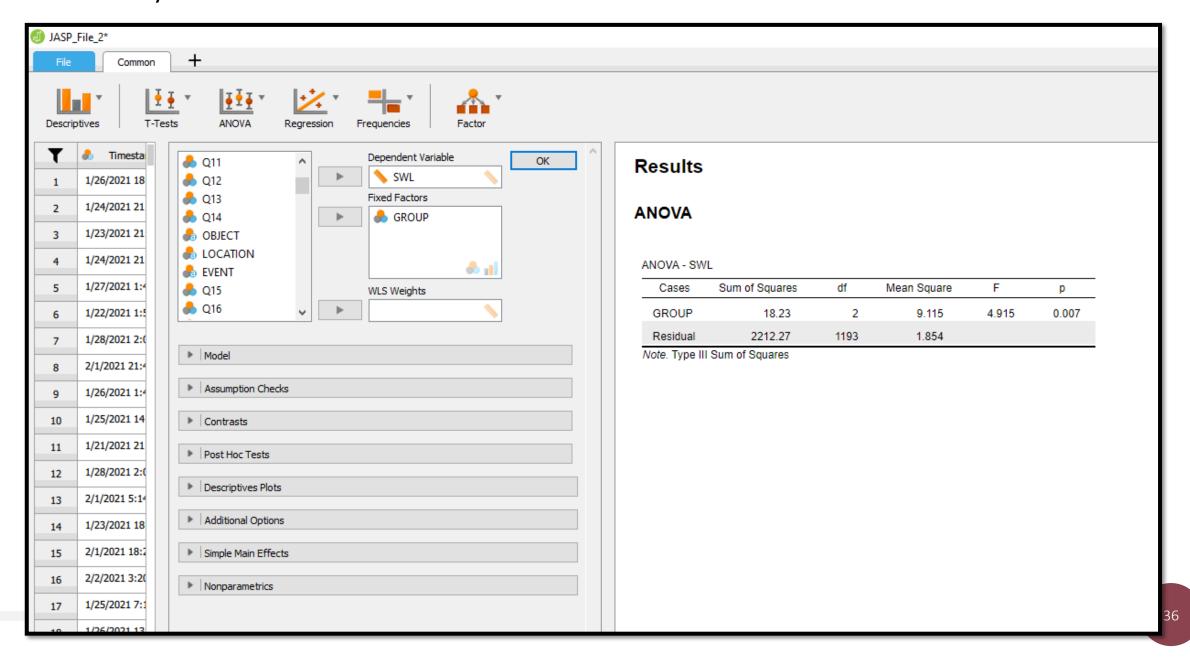
- For Method section of paper or poster...you need to describe your participants.
- Use Descriptives and check the Frequencies box.



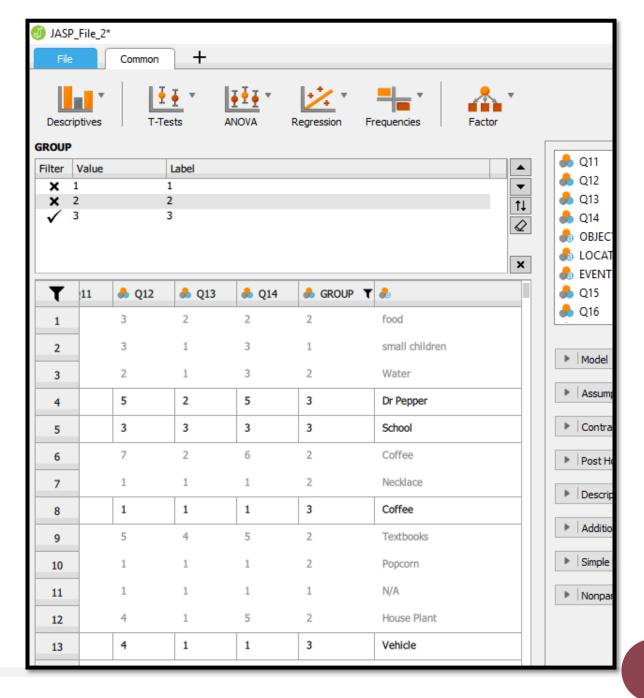
Run Pearson coefficient of correlation tests...



One-way ANOVA



To select just certain a specific value of a variable to analyze...



Work Clouds Object







Looking Forward...



Q1. What do the results suggest for future research in this area?

Q2. How or where could the study's results be used in the real world?

Q3. What should Psi Beta's next national research study investigate?





