

# Mechanisms of Moral Disengagement Scale<sup>revised</sup> (MMD<sub>R</sub>)<sup>1</sup>

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The following assertions concern norms and values.

	strongly disagree	strongly agree
1. It is all right to use physical violence to protect your friends.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
2. It is all right to react with physical violence if someone offends your family.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
3. It is all right to steal if it is necessary to help your family or group.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
4. Beating a really obnoxious and evil person is just teaching them a lesson.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
5. Using condescending expressions about others is just a way of speaking.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
6. Giving a friend your answers to homework or exams is just helping.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
7. There is nothing especially wrong with destroying things if you compare it to beating people up.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
8. Stealing a little money is not especially serious compared with those who steal a lot of money.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
9. Compared to the unlawful things that some people do, it isn't very serious to take something from a shop without paying.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
10. A person, who is a member of a group, can't be blamed for the problems that the group creates.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
11. The individual person in a group can't be blamed for something that the group has jointly decided to do.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
12. A person who played a minor role can't be blamed for the damage done by a group.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
13. A person living under poor conditions can't be blamed if they behave aggressively.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	
14. A person who is brought up badly can't be blamed for bad behavior.	① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	

<sup>1</sup> Based on Bandura: Mechanisms of Moral Disengagement Scale

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15. If a person is pressured to do something, they can't be blamed for doing it. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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16. Teasing a person doesn't hurt them. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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17. It doesn't mean much to take something from a big supermarket without paying – it won't do any difference. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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18. No one is harmed by getting beaten once in a while. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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19. Some people deserve to be treated like animals. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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20. It is all right to treat a person badly if they behave like a pig. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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21. A really obnoxious and evil person doesn't deserve to be treated like a human being. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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22. If people behave badly in school, then it is the fault of the teacher or the school. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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23. If people are careless about where they lay their things, then it is their own fault if the things get stolen. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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24. If people are treated badly, then they are usually themselves to blame for it. ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦
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