

The following statements express various opinions about mental illness and the mentally ill. The mentally ill refers to people needing treatment for mental disorders but who are capable of independent living outside a hospital. Please circle the response which most accurately describes your reaction to each statement. It's your first reaction which is important. Don't be concerned if some statements seem similar to ones you have previously answered. Please be sure to answer all statements.

a. As soon as a person shows signs of mental disturbance, he should be hospitalized.

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b. More tax money should be spent on the care and treatment of the mentally ill.

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c. The mentally ill should be isolated from the rest of the community.

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d. The best therapy for many mental patients is to be part of a normal community.

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e. Mental illness is an illness like any other.

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f. The mentally ill are a burden on society.

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g. The mentally ill are far less of a danger than most people suppose.

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h. Locating mental health facilities in a residential area downgrades the neighbourhood.

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i. There is something about the mentally ill that makes it easy to tell them from normal people.

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j. The mentally ill have for too long been the subject of ridicule.

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k. A woman would be foolish to marry a man who has suffered from mental illness, even though he seems fully recovered.

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l. As far as possible mental health services should be provided through community-based facilities.

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m. Less emphasis should be placed on protecting the public from the mentally ill.

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n. Increased spending on mental health services is a waste of tax dollars.

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o. No one has the right to exclude the mentally ill from their neighbourhood.

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p. Having mental patients living within residential neighbourhoods might be good therapy, but the risks to residents are too great.

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q. Mental patients need the same kind of control and discipline as a young child.

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r. We need to adopt a far more tolerant attitude toward the mentally ill in our society.

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s. I would not want to live next door to someone who has been mentally ill.

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t. Residents should accept the location of mental health facilities in their neighbourhood to serve the needs of the local community.

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u. The mentally ill should not be treated as outcasts of society.

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v. There are sufficient existing services for the mentally ill.

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w. Mental patients should be encouraged to assume the responsibilities of normal life.

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x. Local residents have good reason to resist the location of mental health services in their neighbourhood.

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y. The best way to handle the mentally ill is to keep them behind locked doors.

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z. Our mental hospitals seem more like prisons than like places where the mentally ill can be cared for.

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aa. Anyone with a history of mental problems should be excluded from taking public office.

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bb. Locating mental health services in residential neighbourhoods does not endanger local residents.

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cc. Mental hospitals are an outdated means of treating the mentally ill.

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dd. The mentally ill do not deserve our sympathy.

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ee. The mentally ill should not be denied their individual rights.

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ff. Mental health facilities should be kept out of residential neighbourhoods.

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gg. One of the main causes of mental illness is a lack of self-discipline and will power.

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hh. We have the responsibility to provide the best possible care for the mentally ill.

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ii. The mentally ill should not be given any responsibility.

SA A N D SD

jj. Residents have nothing to fear from people coming into their neighbourhood to obtain mental health services.

SA A N D SD

kk. Virtually anyone can become mentally ill.

SA A N D SD

ll. It is best to avoid anyone who has mental problems.

SA A N D SD

mm. Most women who were once patients in a mental hospital can be trusted as baby sitters.

SA A N D SD

nn. It is frightening to think of people with mental problems living in residential neighbourhoods.

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COMMUNITY ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE MENTALLY ILL

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Community Attitudes Toward The Mentally Ill

Key to Items

			Scoring		
	SA	A	N	D	SD
Authoritarianism					
Pro: a, i, q, y, gg	5	4	3	2	1
Anti: e, m, u, cc, kk	1	2	3	4	5
 Benevolence					
Pro: b, j, r, z, hh	5	4	3	2	1
Anti: f, n, v, dd, ll	1	2	3	4	5
 Social Restrictiveness					
Pro: c, k, s, aa, ii	5	4	3	2	1
Anti: g, o, w, ee, mm	1	2	3	4	5
 Community Mental Health Ideology					
Pro: d, l, t, bb, jj	5	4	3	2	1
Anti: h, p, x, ff, nn	1	2	3	4	5