Intellectual Humility Scale

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The items are rated on a 5-point Likert scale with 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

Instructions: Carefully read each statement and indicate the degree to which you agree each statement is true for you.

- 1. My ideas are usually better than other people's ideas.*
- 2. For the most part, others have more to learn from me than I have to learn from them.*
- 3. When I am really confident in a belief, there is very little chance that belief is wrong.*
- 4. I'd rather rely on my own knowledge about most topics than turn to others for expertise.*
- 5. On important topics, I am not likely to be swayed by the viewpoints of others.*
- 6. I have at times changed opinions that were important to me, when someone showed me I was wrong.
- 7. I am willing to change my position on an important issue in the face of good reasons.
- 8. I am open to revising my important beliefs in the face of new information.
- 9. I am willing to change my opinions on the basis of compelling reason.
- 10. I'm willing to change my mind once it's made up about an important topic.
- 11. I respect that there are ways of making important decisions that are different from the way I make decisions.
- 12. Listening to perspectives of others seldom changes my important opinions.*
- 13. I welcome different ways of thinking about important topics.
- 14. I can have great respect for someone, even when we don't see eye-to-eye on important topics.
- 15. Even when I disagree with others, I can recognize that they have sound points.
- 16. When someone disagrees with ideas that are important to me, it feels as though I'm being attacked.*
- 17. When someone contradicts my most important beliefs, it feels like a personal attack.*
- 18. I tend to feel threatened when others disagree with me on topics that are close to my heart.*
- 19. I can respect others, even if I disagree with them in important ways.
- 20. I am willing to hear others out, even if I disagree with them.
- 21. When someone disagrees with ideas that are important to me, it makes me feel insignificant.*
- 22. I feel small when others disagree with me on topics that are close to my heart.*

Scoring

Reverse code items indicated with an asterisk. Then tally scores for the full scale (all 22items) or subscales (see below).

Subscales

The scale development article supports a four-factor model with higher-order factor. The internal consistency is sufficient to use individual subscales or the full scale.

Independence of Intellect and Ego: 16, 17, 18, 21, and 22 Openness to Revising One's Viewpoint: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Respect for Others' Viewpoints: 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20 Lack of Intellectual Overconfidence: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12