Psych Labs: Personality Survey Project

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

**Purpose of this Project:** After completing this project, you should have a better understanding of the five-factor model of personality, sometimes called the “Big Five”. A second goal is to help you become more familiar with the use of correlation analysis to test relationships between variables, and gain a better understanding of the structure of a behavioral survey (typically combining a set of subscales, each intended to measure a specific variable).

**Survey Instructions:** Before you begin the survey, you need to have the Personality Survey Data Sheet. If your instructor does not provide this data sheet as a handout in class, please go to the ***Psych Labs Project*** website and print a copy of the Personality Survey Data Sheet. Also, make sure that you have received a Group Code for this experiment from your instructor, because you will need to enter that code on the first screen of the experiment.

Then select the “Take the Personality Survey” link to launch the online survey itself, which will take about 10-15 minutes. The survey is completely anonymous, so please respond as truthfully and accurately as you can. When finished, be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the survey and press the “Submit” button to record your responses.

**Data Collection Instructions:** At the end of the survey, you will see your own individual results. Please copy those results carefully to your data sheet, and follow the instructions on the data sheet to plot your results on the Star Graph. Your results will be saved automatically in a database so that the pooled results can be used in the statistical analyses.

**Statistical Analysis Instructions:**  Your instructor may choose to perform the statistical analysis and provide you with a summary of the results in a handout. Or each student may be asked to perform the statistical analysis, with guidance provided by the instructor. The statistical analyses look for relationships among the variables, testing these questions: Which (if any) of the Big Five Personality Factors predict your level of happiness? Are grateful people happier?

**Background Readings:** In preparation for writing your lab report, please read the background material for this experiment (as assigned by your instructor). These readings will help you understand the purpose of the experiment and what the results tell us.

**Instructions for Writing the Lab Report:** Before you begin writing the report, you should have 1) the statistical results from the pooled data, 2) guidelines from your instructor in the form of a report template document or a report worksheet. Be sure to follow the guidelines carefully, and be sure that your report is complete and accurate.