Persecution and Deservedness Scale (Melo et al. in press)

Please read each of the following statements carefully and indicate the extent to which they are true or false by selecting a number on the scale.

1 There are times when I worry that others might be plotting against me.
   Certainly  Possibly  Unsure  Possibly  Certainly
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

1.1 Do you feel like you deserve others to plot against you?
   Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

2. I often find it hard to think of anything other than the negative ideas others have about me.
   Certainly  Possibly  Unsure  Possibly  Certainly
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

2.1 Do you feel like you deserve people to have negative ideas about you?
   Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

3 My friends often tell me to relax and stop worrying about being deceived or harmed.
   Certainly  Possibly  Unsure  Possibly  Certainly
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

3.1 Do you feel like you deserve being deceived or harmed?
   Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

4 Every time I meet someone for the first time, I’m afraid they’ve already heard bad things about me.
   Certainly  Possibly  Unsure  Possibly  Certainly
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

4.1 Do you feel like you deserve to have people hearing bad things about you?
   Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much
   true      false    true    false   true
   0 1 2 3 4
5. I’m often suspicious of other people’s intentions towards me.

Certainly false  Possibly false  Unsure  Possibly true  Certainly true

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

5.1 Do you feel like you deserve people having bad intentions towards you?

Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much

6. Sometimes, I just know that people are talking critically about me.

Certainly false  Possibly false  Unsure  Possibly true  Certainly true

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

6.1 Do you feel like you deserve people to talk critically about you?

Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much

7. There are people who think of me as a bad person.

Certainly false  Possibly false  Unsure  Possibly true  Certainly true

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

7.1 Do you feel like you deserve people to think of you as a bad person?

Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much

8. People will almost certainly lie to me.

Certainly false  Possibly false  Unsure  Possibly true  Certainly true

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

8.1 Do you feel like you deserve people to lie to you?

Not at all  Possibly not  Unsure  Possibly  Very much

9. I believe that some people want to hurt me deliberately.

Certainly false  Possibly false  Unsure  Possibly true  Certainly true

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If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

9.1 Do you feel like you deserve people to hurt you deliberately?

Not at all 0 1 2 3 4
Possibly not
Uncertain
Possibly 3 4
Very much 4

10 You should only trust yourself.

Certainly false 0 1 2 3 4
Possibly false
Uncertain
Possibly true 3 4
Certain true 4

If you’ve answered 2 or above to the last question, please answer to the following question:

10.1 Do you feel like you deserve to have no one you can trust?

Not at all 0 1 2 3 4
Possibly not
Uncertain 3 4
Very much 4

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