Prosocial Behavioral Intentions Scale

Instructions: Imagine that you encounter the following opportunities to help others. Please indicate how willing you would be to perform each behavior from 1 (*Definitely **would not** do this*) to 7 (*Definitely **would** do this*). If you are more likely to complete one task (e.g., help a stranger find a key) than another (e.g., help a stranger find a missing pet), please respond to the task that you would be more likely to perform

1. Comfort someone I know after they experienced a hardship
2. Help a stranger find something they lost, like their key or a pet
3. Help care for a sick friend or relative
4. Assist a stranger with a small task (e.g. help carry groceries or watch their things while they use the restroom)

Reference

Baumsteiger, R., & Siegel, J. (2019). Measuring prosociality: The development of a prosocial behavioral intentions scale. *Journal of Personality Assessment, 101,* 305-314. doi: 10.1080/00223891.2017.1411918

Validity Information

- The measure is scored by computing the mean of all items.
- When tested with U.S. adults recruited from MTurk.com, the PBIS exhibited good internal consistency (α = .81-.83); convergent validity with moral identity (*r* = .50-.55), past prosocial behavior (*r* = .51-.43), and materialism (*r* = -.30, -.20). It also predicted prosocial behavior while controlling for a prior measure of prosocial intentions, Exp(B)= 1.99, Wald = 10.59, *p* = .001, thereby demonstrating incremental predictive validity.
- Given that some of the items might not be appropriate for children, we recommend using this scale to collect information about adults and older adolescents.
- You are welcome to use this scale for any of your research and to share it with others!
- We have also modified the scale to measure past prosocial behavior. If you want to use that measure, please contact us (rachel.baumsteiger@cpp.edu) for the most current version and validity information.