Multi-cultural Adaptation of the O’Kelly Women Beliefs Scale to Samples in the US, India, Colombia, and Mexico

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Abstract

The present exploratory study examined the psychometric properties of the O’Kelly Women’s Belief Scales (O’Kelly, 2011) an instrument that measures women’s irrational beliefs about traditional feminine sex role stereotypes, in a multi-cultural sample of 1644 women born and living in the US, India, Colombia, and Mexico. A varimax rotation with cutoff eigen values of 3, showed that 43 items loaded into 5 components which accounted for 38.43% of the variance of this multinational version. The items were subsequently grouped into: Irrationality, with a total of 24 items and Rationality, with the 13 items. Analyses indicated a Cronbach’s alpha from .72 to .88. Results indicate that this version of the instrument may be used to evaluate both the rational and irrational content of sex-role beliefs of women born in the US, India, Colombia, and Mexico.

Key words

Adaptation, beliefs, irrational, role stereotypes, scale, sex

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