

Name of Measure: Arizona Social Support Interview Schedule (Barrera, 1980)

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Purpose of Measure: To determine psychosocial functioning and perceived social support.

Description of measure: The Arizona Social Support Interview Schedule (Barrera, 1980), which provides an assessment of the subject's social network for the past 6 months. In this study, five dimensions of social support were examined; assistance received, material aid, advice, positive feed back and people to confide in.

Language availability: English

Description of Asian population: The subjects for this study were recruited from Northeastern United States. The sample included 99 Asian American students, 59 females and 40 males. The mean age was 14.5 years old. One third of the adolescents were born in the United States, the remainder were divided evenly between groups that were in this country for less than 5 years, less than 10 years and 11 years or over. The parents of all but one were immigrants. Seventy percent of these parents were born in China or Hong Kong while 21 percent were born in Vietnam.

The subjects lived in a lower-middle class community. Most of the parents were employed in service industries such as restaurants or factories. Eighty-three percent of the adolescents in the sample lived in households with both of their natural parents, compared to 70% in the Caucasian household. Thirteen households had only single mothers and four households were managed by adults not identified as parents.

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Norms:  
Satisfaction with Social Support

Functions	Asian (n = 99)		Caucasian (n = 375)	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Assistance**	2.66	.56	2.84	.44
Material	2.78	.78	2.91	.33
Advice***	2.47	.70	2.83	.44
Feedback***	2.41	.94	2.65	.60
Personal***	2.41	.74	2.73	.54

\*\* p < .01 \*\*\* p < .001

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Reliability: The alpha reliability coefficient for the whole measure was .78 (Barrera, 1980). Not assessed in this study.

Validity: Not assessed

Original reference to instrument: Barrera, M. Jr. (1980). A method for the assessment of social support networks in community survey research. *Connection*, 3, 8-13.

How to obtain a copy of the instrument: Contact Dr. Manuel Barrera, Arizona State University, Department of Psychology MANUEL.BARRERA@asu.edu