Name of Measure: Rosenberg's self-esteem Scale (Rosenberg, 1965)

Purpose of Measure: To assess level of self reported self-esteem.

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Description of measure: The Rosenberg's Self-esteem Scale (RSE) is a 10-item uni-dimensional scale designed to measure the self-esteem of high school students. It measures personal worth, self-confidence, self-satisfaction, self-respect, and self-deprecation. It employs a four point Likert-type format of response, from 'strongly disagree' to 'strongly agree'.

Language availability: Korean and English.

Translation Comment: This study used a previously translated copy of the measure.

Description of Asian population: Two hundred and sixteen Korean American and Korean immigrant adolescents who met the following criteria were recruited to participate in the study. First, they resided in the New York City Metropolitan area, as defined by the Bureau of Census. Second, their age was between 14 and 19. Third, one of their parents was Korean born.

The data were collected between June 1999 and August 1999. The participants consisted of 112 females and 103 males. The modal age of the participants was 16, representing 27% of the total participants. Twenty-four percent of the participants were 17 years old, representing the second largest group in age. Fifty-seven percent of the total participants reported being either in the 10th or 11th grades. Sixty-four percent were born in Korea, and 34% were born in the U.S. Only 2% of the participants were born in places other than Korea and the U.S.

Norms:
Means (standard deviations) of the RSE by gender, language, and immigration

	N	Mean	S.D.	t
Male	103	27.46	4.23	-2.15*
Female	112	26.04	5.39	
Korean speaking	83	24.88	4.18	4.56***
English speaking	129	27.86	4.97	
Born in U.S	73	28.37	4.77	3.74***
Born in Korean	138	25.80	4.75	

Reliability: Rosenberg (1965) reported internal consistency reliability ranging from .85 to .88 for college samples. Based on a samples of Korean respondents, Shin (1992) reported alpha coefficients ranging from .71 to .73 and Sim (1994) reported an alpha coefficient of .88. This study yielded standardized alpha coefficient .78 for the Korean version and .88 for the English version. The overall alpha coefficient score was .87 for this global self-esteem scale.

Validity: See original reference

Original reference to instrument:
Rosenberg, M. (1965). *Society and the Adolescent Self-Image.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Other references:
Shin, K. R. (1992). *Correlates of Depressive Symptomatology in Korean-American Women in New York City.* Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Sim, H. O. (1994). *Coping Resources Mediating the Relationship between Stressful Life Events and Delinquent Behavior among Adolescents*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Oregon State University.

How to obtain a copy of the instrument: See Corcoran, K. & Fischer, J. (1987). *Measures for clinical practice: A sourcebook*. New York, N.Y.: Free Press or Shin (1992)