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BUILDING A FRAMEWORK

The importance of analyzing worldview

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What a year...



➤ COVID



➤ Election



➤ Change



➤ How do we respond to such a dynamic environment?

Worldview Assessment Scale

- What is worldview?
- Scale development
- The future of worldview

BACKGROUND

“Have the courage to use your own understanding.”

Immanuel Kant (1724-1804)

Garber's Perspective

(The Fabric of Faithfulness, 2007)

Telos

- Greek for “end”
- What do you believe?

Praxis

- Greek *Prattein*
 - “Do”
- How do you behave?

Sire's Definition

“A worldview is a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart, that can be expressed as a story or a set of presuppositions (assumptions that may be true, partially true, or entirely false) which we hold (consciously or subconsciously, consistent or inconsistently) about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being.”

- The Universe Next Door, 2009

Simplified Terms

Nash

“A worldview is a set of beliefs about the most important issues in life”

- Worldviews in Conflict, 2001

Gray

“a collection of attitudes, values, stories and expectations about the world around us, which inform our every thought and action”

-Worldviews, 2011

Schultz's 3D Scale

- Three factor worldview scale based on Christian religious beliefs.
 - heart orientation (inner thoughts)
 - propositional (truth and knowledge)
 - behavioral (what a person does)

SCALE DEVELOPMENT



Resources Used

Questionnaire

- Qualtrics survey
- Amazon mTurk

Analysis

- EFA (Exploratory Factor Analysis)
 - *Create structure based on statements.*
 - *Where two factor model came from.*
- CFA (Confirmatory Factor Analysis)
 - *Confirms structure from EFA.*
 - *Shows which statements indicated structure.*

Sample

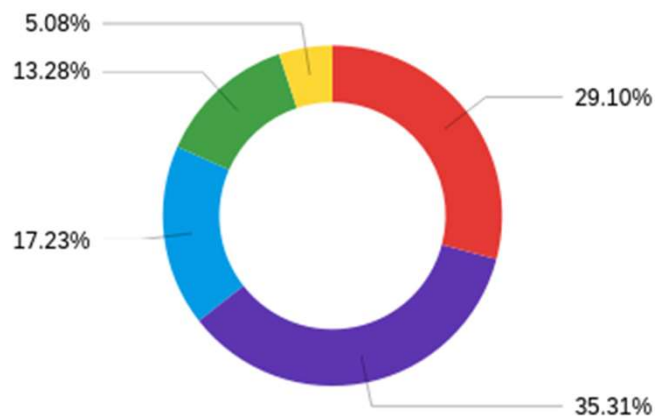
357 participants from 45 different states.

73% specified having a religious affiliation.

- 91% *Christian*
- 2.7% *Jewish*
- 1.9% *Muslim*
- 1.9% *Hindu*

Ages ranged from 18 – 73

Despite common religion, there was much variance in regards to worldview questions



Strongly agree Somewhat agree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree

“THERE IS
ABSOLUTE
TRUTH”

Two Factor Model

Praxis

- My actions matter in the world
- I will be rewarded based on my actions.
- I have a specific role to play in the world.
- I can define my own destiny.
- My life has purpose.

Telos

- The world will last forever
- There is absolute truth.
- Truth and knowledge come from within.
- People are born knowing right and wrong.
- People are inherently good.

THE FUTURE OF WORLDVIEW

- Connection between an individual's worldview and how people deal with mental health crises , lifestyle change, and political turmoil.
- Worldview affects college student's performance in school, their eventual workplace and general life satisfaction.
- Launching point to show how schools need to encourage students to explore their own understanding of how the world works

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