

The Attitudes Toward Lesbians and Gay Men Scale

The following page contains the following three sets of items for various versions of the revised¹ Attitudes Toward Lesbians and Gay Men Scale (ATLG-R). Note that the short versions are recommended for use in most research studies. They require less respondent effort and are highly correlated with the long version.

1. The **Revised Short Version #1**. This is the item set you should use if you wish to compare respondents' attitudes toward lesbians with their attitudes toward gay men.

2. The **Revised Short Version #2**. These are the original short versions, with different item sets for lesbians and for gay men. Note that scores on these versions of the ATL and ATG are not directly comparable.

3. The **Revised Long Version**. These are the full-length, 10-item versions of the ATG and ATL. As with the revised short version #2, scores on these versions of the ATL and ATG are not directly comparable.

¹*Note.* In the course of empirical research, some items in the ATLG have been reworded slightly from the original version of the scale to update their content or clarify their meaning. To avoid confusion with the original version (Herek, 1987b, 1988), the modified items are marked with an asterisk (*) on the following pages. The bibliographic reference for the revised items is: Herek, G.M. (in press - 1997). The Attitudes Toward Lesbians and Gay Men (ATLG) scale. In C.M. Davis, W.H. Yarber, R. Bauserman, G. Schreer, & S.L. Davis (Eds.), *Sexuality-related measures: A compendium*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

The Revised Attitudes Toward Lesbians and Gay Men Scale (ATLG-R)

Revised Short Version #1

ATTITUDES TOWARD GAY MEN (ATG-R-S5) SUBSCALE

1. I think male homosexuals are disgusting.
2. Male homosexuality is a perversion.
3. Male homosexuality is a natural expression of sexuality in men. (Reverse-scored) *
4. Sex between two men is just plain wrong. *
5. Male homosexuality is merely a different kind of lifestyle that should not be condemned. (Reverse-scored)

ATTITUDES TOWARD LESBIANS SUBSCALE, COMPARISON VERSION

6. I think lesbians are disgusting.
7. Female homosexuality is a perversion.
8. Female homosexuality is a natural expression of sexuality in women. (Reverse-scored) *
9. Sex between two women is just plain wrong. *
10. Female homosexuality is merely a different kind of lifestyle that should not be condemned. (Reverse-scored)

Revised Short Version #2
(ATLG-R-S5)

ATTITUDES TOWARD GAY MEN (ATG-R-S5) SUBSCALE

1. I think male homosexuals are disgusting.
2. Male homosexuality is a perversion.
3. Male homosexuality is a natural expression of sexuality in men. (Reverse-scored) *
4. Sex between two men is just plain wrong. *
5. Male homosexuality is merely a different kind of lifestyle that should not be condemned. (Reverse-scored)

ATTITUDES TOWARD LESBIANS (ATL-R-S5) SUBSCALE

6. Lesbians just can't fit into our society.*
7. State laws against private sexual behavior between consenting adult women should be abolished. (Reverse-scored)*
8. Female homosexuality is a sin.
9. Female homosexuality in itself is no problem unless society makes it a problem. (Reverse-scored)
10. Lesbians are sick.

Revised Long Versions (ATLG-R)

ATTITUDES TOWARD LESBIANS (ATL-R) SUBSCALE

1. Lesbians just can't fit into our society. (ATL-R-S5 item)*
2. A woman's homosexuality should not be a cause for job discrimination in any situation. (Reverse-scored)
3. Female homosexuality is bad for society because it breaks down the natural divisions between the sexes.*
4. State laws against private sexual behavior between consenting adult women should be abolished. (Reverse-scored) (ATL-R-S5 item)*
5. Female homosexuality is a sin. (ATL-R-S5 item)
6. The growing number of lesbians indicates a decline in American morals.
7. Female homosexuality in itself is no problem unless society makes it a problem. (Reverse-scored) (ATL-R-S5 item)
8. Female homosexuality is a threat to many of our basic social institutions.
9. Female homosexuality is an inferior form of sexuality.
10. Lesbians are sick. (ATL-R-S5 item)

ATTITUDES TOWARD GAY MEN (ATG-R) SUBSCALE

11. Male homosexual couples should be allowed to adopt children the same as heterosexual couples. (Reverse-scored)
12. I think male homosexuals are disgusting. (ATG-R-S5 item) (ATG-R-S3 item)
13. Male homosexuals should not be allowed to teach school.
14. Male homosexuality is a perversion. (ATG-R-S5 item)
15. Male homosexuality is a natural expression of sexuality in men. (Reverse-scored) (ATG-R-S5 item) (ATG-R-S3 item)*
16. If a man has homosexual feelings, he should do everything he can to overcome them.
17. I would not be too upset if I learned that my son were a homosexual. (Reverse-scored)
18. Sex between two men is just plain wrong. (ATG-R-S5 item) (ATG-R-S3 item)*
19. The idea of male homosexual marriages seems ridiculous to me.
20. Male homosexuality is merely a different kind of lifestyle that should not be condemned. (Reverse-scored) (ATG-R-S5 item)