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Preface

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In the late 1980s, I became aware that marketing scholars needed an easier way to know about the scales that have been created by researchers. Also, I became aware that there was too much "recreating the wheel," unnecessarily making more "me too" measures rather than adopting ones that have already been developed. That led to the process of gathering scales from top scholarly journals in the field of marketing, describing critical information about the measures, and producing what became the first volume of the *Marketing Scales Handbook* series. I had no idea at that time how so many volumes would eventually be published. While I do not have an exact count, the information I do have indicates more than 1,000 university libraries around the world have at least one of the volumes and that does not include the individuals who have their own copies. The point is that this work has made an impact. Professors, students, practitioners, and others have been able to easily determine what measures are available and then either "borrow" them, "adapt" them, or develop a new scale.

With nearly 6,000 scales described and reviewed by now, it is disappointing that too many researchers are still creating "me too" scales without explaining why existing measures were not used. While writing this volume, it was increasingly becoming apparent that articles and their scales were more difficult to work with compared to what I dealt with in previous years. For example, in the early years, articles had one or a few studies compared to many more articles now that report multiple primary studies in the body of the articles as well as several more in the Web Appendices. On top of that, far too many authors fail to identify the source of their scales and their psychometric quality. While there are certainly scholars who have done great work in developing measures and reporting them in their articles, they are in the minority.

Finally, this is the last volume of the *Marketing Scales Handbook* series. It has been 13 years since I retired from academia. The workload as greatly increased, nearly being a full-time job. It is time for me to do other things, especially since my life involves 17 family members (spouse, kids, and grandkids). I am not going so far as to say I will stop doing any scale-related work of some sort but I can say there are no plans to write any more volumes. If and when some activity of significance occurs, I will announce it at Facebook (facebook.com/MarketingScales/) or the Office of Scale Research (scaleresearch.siu.edu).

May your measures always be valid!

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When describing scales, I have depended most heavily upon information provided in the journal articles in which the measures were reported. There were cases, however, when I needed more information or clarification. When that happened, I attempted to contact the authors. Too many authors did not respond to my requests. Listed below are those who did respond. My gratitude is extended to:

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Introduction

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Volumes 1 to 12 of this series had multi-item scales that were reported in articles published in six of the top marketing journals between 1980 and 2021. (See the table below for the six journals.) This volume of the series covers the scales that were reported in articles published in 2022 and 2023. The contents of this volume are new. While that does not necessarily mean all of the scales were first reported during that time period, it does mean that none of the scales in this volume were in a previous volume of the series.

To be included in this volume, scales must have been published in one of the top marketing journals and have been used in research of "consumers" or similar groups, e.g., viewers, patients, donors, members. Further, acceptable scales must have had three or more items, have sufficient level of psychometric quality, and be reflective measures rather than formative.

There were three other criteria used to select scales for this book. As described below, one was a constraint at the scale level, one was a constraint at the construct level, and the final one had to do with time.

At the scale level, many measures reported in the domain of examination were not included in this volume because they were the same or very similar to ones that had been reviewed in a previous volume. A related criterion used to focus the work was at the construct level. Having alternative measures of the same construct can be useful to researchers so they can compare the various characteristics and choose the scale that best suits their needs. At some point, however, the endless review of alternative measures of the same construct is not the best use of time. While there was no strict rule to guide this constraint, the more measures of a construct that have been reviewed in previous volumes, the less likely another measure was included in this volume.

The final major criterion used to manage the workload was to focus on articles from a two-year period as done since Volume 7. The printer (Kindle Direct Publishing) has a page limit for paperback books. With that in mind, an initial examination was made of all the articles from six of the top marketing journals published in 2022 and 2023. From that group, 215 articles received more scrutiny because they appeared to have measures of the type focused on in the series. After closer examination, 40 of those articles and their scales were dismissed because they did not meet the stated criteria or the authors did not respond to requests for more information. Ultimately, there were 175 articles from the marketing literature that provided the 450 scales reviewed for this volume.

Assigning names to the scales in the books has been a challenge. It is not as simple as calling measures the same thing as authors of the articles have done. In some cases, authors have not given a scale a name but merely described it, e.g., the attitude scale

used in the field survey. Other times, a scale was given a name by authors that made sense in the context of their particular study but was more widely referred to by the name of a construct that would make more sense to readers. In general, scales were assigned names based on the constructs that they appeared to measure. More specifically, several things were taken into account when deciding what to call each scale: what did the creators of the measure call it; what was a common name used by marketing scholars for the construct being measured; how have similar measures of the construct been referred to in previous volumes of this series; and, how should a name with several words be reduced in order to reduce its length?

As for finding scales of interest in the book, the Table of Contents is a useful place to begin. The Subject Index is even more helpful but space limits the scales to being associated with just a few keywords.

Finally, the layout of reviews is the same as in previous volumes. Description of the information found in the various sections of each review are provided in the table on the next page.

TABLE Scale Review Format

For each scale, a name is given at the top of the page on which a description begins. Several issues are taken into account when assigning a name. (See the discussion in the Introduction.) In a few cases, multiple scales have been given the same name because they appear to measure the same or very similar construct, e.g., Anthropomorphism of the Object, Quality of the Brand, Well-Being.

Just below the scale name are a few sentences that succinctly describe the construct being assessed and the number of items composing the measure. If known, the number of points on the rating scale and the response format (e.g., Likert, semantic differential) are described as well. The most common type of measure in the book is three Likert-type items with a seven-point response format.

Origin:

Information about the creation of the scale is provided in this section. In a substantial portion of cases, however, sources were not stated by authors. No doubt, in many of those cases the authors created the scale though they did not say so. When authors do not cite a scale's source, it can leave the impression that a measure is original even though some digging reveals that they borrowed it from an extant source. Far too often, the opposite occurs. Many authors have described their scale as "adapted" from some source yet comparing the information shows little resemblance between them. That is noted when relevant.

Reliability:

For the most part, reliability is described in terms of internal consistency, most typically with Cronbach's alpha. In the few cases when it is reported by authors, a scale's temporal stability (test-retest correlation) is provided. For those unfamiliar with these statistics, higher numbers are generally better. With particular regard to internal consistency, a statistic below .70 indicates that a scale is not reliable enough for testing theory. Very few scales of low reliability are included in this book.

Validity:

There are several types of validity and no single study or test is expected to fully validate a scale. While it is hoped that authors provide at least some evidence of a scale's validity, the reality is the opposite. The overwhelming majority of authors have not discussed validity or provided evidence of it. (The reason for this systemic omission is unknown.) At the other extreme, a few authors have provided so much information in their articles and supplementary material that the support for a scale's validity is merely summarized here.

Comments:

This section is only used occasionally. For example, if something about a scale is judged to be deficient then readers may be urged to exercise caution in using the scale. Another example is that in many cases a scale was phrased by its creators for use in a particular context and in this section

it is noted that minor changes can make the scale usable in other contexts.

References:

Every source cited in a review is referenced in this section. The primary journals from which articles were examined for scales were the *Journal of Advertising*, the *Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science*, the *Journal of Consumer Research*, the *Journal of Marketing*, the *Journal of Marketing Research*, and the *Journal of Retailing*. Additional journals, books, proceedings, and other sources have been cited when relevant. As stated in the Acknowledgements, some authors were contacted for information but most did not respond. For those who responded and provided useful information, they are cited in this section.

Scale Items:

The statements, adjectives, or questions that composed a scale are listed in this section and are generally referred to as *scale items*. Also, an indication of the response format is provided in this section unless it has been adequately specified in the description at the beginning of the review. Some of the measures were merely described by authors as "Likert-type" and the verbal anchors of the response scales were not stated. In many of the reviews when response information is lacking, something is provided by the editor. The graphic version of the scales and how they were laid out in a questionnaire are not provided because they are rarely provided in the source material. Concerned readers are urged to consult the cited authors or books that deal with questionnaire development.

Where an item is followed by an (r) it means that the numerical response should be reverse-coded when calculating scale scores. Errors related to reverse-coding can occur at various stages in an article's composition, editing, and/or publication. Users of scales are urged to examine items closely before using scores in analyses in order to determine which items should be reverse-coded.

Finally, the instructions that were given to participants when they were asked to respond to scales are rarely provided here because authors of the scales rarely provided them in their articles. Suggestions have been given by the editor sometimes, especially when the items by themselves do not make sense. Potential users of a scale should feel free to contact the creators or others who are referenced and ask them about the instructions or other matters related to the measure.

Scale Reviews

ANTHROPOMORPHISM OF THE OBJECT

Using five, seven-point items, the scale measures the degree to which a person believes a particular object exhibits humanlike mental and emotional characteristics.

Origin:

Uysal, Alavi, and Bezençon (2022) used the scale in Study 1 (n = 238) and 2 (n = 601). Data were collected in both studies from residents of the U.K. who were current users of an artificial intelligence assistant, e.g., Amazon's Alexa, Apple's Siri. The authors creat scale by borrowing key words and phrases from a measure by Epley et al. (2008) was also used by Castelo et al. (2023) who used it in Study 4A and recruited 597 American testing.

Reliability:

The alphas of the scale were .86 and .90 in Studies 1 and section of Uysal, Alavi, and Bezençon (2022, p. 1162). When used by Castelo et a grant and the alpha was .91.

Validity:

CFA was apparently conducted in both studies vi, and vii, and viii, and vi

The scale's validity was not discus

References:

Castelo, Noah, John Sen, Chi, Mildebrand, and Alexander P. Henkel (2023), "Understanding Reactions to Service Bots," *Journal of Consumer Research*, 50 (4)

Epley, Nicholas, Connection Through Social Connection Through Social Connection Through Social Connection Through Social Science, 19 (2), 114–120.

Uy arrul, Sast and Valéry Bezençon (2022), "Trojan Horse or Useful Helper? A riship Perspect ficial Intelligence Assistants with Humanlike Features," Journal of Cado rke. Jence, 50 (6), 1153–1175.

Directions indicate how much you agree that ...²

- 1. has and of its own.
- 2. has intentions.
- 3. has free will.

ENVIRONMENTALISM (PURCHASING BEHAVIOR)

Sixteen, seven-point Likert items are used to measure the extent to which a consumer distinctionally engages in behaviors that are believed to have less harmful impacts on the environment.

Origin:

Sokolova, Krishna, and Döring (2023, Web Appendix I) used the scale in Study C with collected from a final sample of 199 participants recruited from Amaria Mechanical Tukitems are from a 30-item scale originally developed by Roberts (1997) at was referred Ecologically Conscious Consumer Behavior. The reasoning for School S

Reliability:

The alpha for the scale was .96 (Sokolova, Krist Dör 3, p. 478).

Validity:

The validity of the scale was not discovered by kolovered and Döring (2023).

References:

Döring, Tim (2024), per

Roberts, James A. (1995) and Its Marketh and Public Policy Implications, unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of New York, NE.

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Scale

- I norm conscious effort to limit my use of products that are made of or use scarce resource
- oducts which have excessive packaging.
- her a choice, I always choose that product which contributes to the least amount of h.
- erstand the potential damage to the environment that some products can cause, I do rechase these products.
- The switched products for ecological reasons.
- ase a recycling center or in some way recycle some of my household trash.
 - I make every effort to buy paper products made from recycled paper.
- 8. I have convinced members of my family or friends not to buy some products which are harmful to the environment.

REALISM OF THE OBJECT

The scale has three, seven-point Likert-type items that measure how much a person believes image looks real, particularly as it pertains to what is experienced in a virtual reality context versions of the scale are described.

Origin:

Hohenberg, and Homburg (2022) used the scale in Study 2 (a laboratory expression) with data from 210 participants. No other information was provided about the sample the scribed below, the object in one version of the scale referred to a store while in the other was to products. To create their scales, the authors drew inspiration from and Wils (2014) who developed five scales in order to measure what they viewed as a first of the realism construct.

Reliability:

The composite reliabilities of the scales reported by Hawer 198 (store) and .91 (products).

Validity:

CFA was used to examine some aspects of the two scale versions (Harz, Hohenberg, and Homburg 2022) (Harz, Hohenberg, Alley Harz, Hohenberg, Alley Harz, Hohenberg, Alley Harz, Hohenberg, Alley Harz, Hohenberg, Harz, H

Comments:

Although the scales which have the by Harz, He mand Homburg (2022) with reference to a store and to products, it is not rephrence to possible in order to measure other objects, e.g., museum, ze a sentences are rephrased, however, the more prudent it is to examine the appropriate to examine the sentences are rephrased.

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Change in Kari Wilson (2014), "Perceived Realism: Dimensions and Roles in ve Persuasion, ication Research, 41 (6), 828–851.

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- 1. The __al depiction of the _____ seemed real.
- 2. The visual depiction of the _____ was realistic.
- 3. The _____ shown during the simulation looked real.

UNCERTAINTY OF FINANCIAL SUFFICIENCY

Using four, 101-point Likert items, the scale measures how much a person believes it call to predict if he/she will have enough money to cover expenses during a certain period scale is phrased for a context in which a person is filling out the scale after going simulation. The scale can be easily modified to refer to one's actual uncertain period of time.

Origin:

De La Rosa and Tully (2022) used the scale in Studies 3, 4, and hors referred to construct being measured as *prediction uncertainty*. The source was not and.

Reliability:

The alphas reported for the scale were .92, .91, a row 3, 4, and respectively (De La Rosa and Tully 2022, pp. 999, 1000, 1003)

Validity:

The scale's validity was not discuss

De La (2022). However, the authors
did conduct a principal component
scale (financial status). As shown
provide some preliminary symmetric and discriminant validity of both scales.

Comments:

aradigm in each study where they incurred money and Participants engaged in a li expenses. The completed the wards. As noted above, the items were phrased by the authors with e to what b thought and felt with respect to the simulation. The modified asure participants' attitudes with regard to their real scale app come and expenses make it easy to predict whether I will have circum odifications that are made, however, the more important it is enout quality before using it in theory testing. to pret

Refere

De La Rosa, and Stephanie M. Tully (2022), "The Impact of Payment Frequency on and Subjective Wealth Perceptions," *Journal of Consumer Research*, 48 (6),

ems:1

y income and expenses made . . .

- 1. it easy to predict whether I would have enough money . (r)
- it difficult to predict whether I would have enough money ______.

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^{1.} The keyword *attitude* is not in this index because many if not most of the scales in the book are measures of attitudes. Other words such as *consumer*, *customer*, and *marketing* are not in the list for a similar reason.

^{2.} Artificial Intelligence3. Word-of-Mouth

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