

ASSESSING RISKY BEHAVIOR: PSYCHOMETRIC APPROACH

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Abstract: *This paper presents a study of risky behavior through a psychometric approach, including three self-assessment psychological questionnaires: Oliver John's Big Five Questionnaire (BFI), Barrat's Impulsiveness Scale (BIS-11), and Sensation Seeking Scale as a part of Zuckerman- Kuhlman-Aluja Personality Questionnaire (SSS-ZKA-PQ). Risky behavior is studied by the constructs "sensation seeking" and "impulsiveness". Results of confirmatory factor analysis of Zuckerman-Kuhlman-Aluja's Sensation Seeking Scale are presented. The results of correlation analysis confirm correlations between the Big Five personality factors, sensation seeking and impulsiveness. Age differences were confirmed by analysis of variance, no gender differences were found.*

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