

Community Attitudes Toward the Mentally Ill (CAMI; Taylor and Dear, 1981).

The following statements express various opinions about mental illness and the mentally ill. Please circle the response that most accurately describes your reaction to each statement. Please answer each statement based on your first reaction. Some statements may sound similar.

1. As soon as a person shows signs of mental disturbance, he should be hospitalized.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

2. More tax money should be spent on the care and treatment of adults with mental illness.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

3. An adult with mental illness should be isolated from the rest of the community.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

4. The best therapy for many adults with mental illness is to be part of a normal community.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

5. Mental illness is an illness like any other.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

6. Adults with mental illness are a burden on society.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

7. Adults with mental illness are far less of a danger than most people suppose.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

8. Locating mental health facilities in a residential area downgrades the neighbourhood.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

9. There is something about adults with mental illness that makes it easy to tell them from normal people.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

10. Adults with mental illness have for too long been the subject of ridicule.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

11. A woman would be foolish to marry a man who has suffered from mental illness, even though he seems fully recovered.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

12. As far as possible mental health services should be provided through community-based facilities.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

13. Less emphasis should be placed on protecting the public from adults with mental illness.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

14. Increased spending on mental health services is a waste of tax dollars.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

15. No one has the right to exclude adults with mental illness from their neighbourhood.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

16. Having adults with mental illness living within residential neighbourhoods might be good therapy, but the risks to residents are too great.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

17. Adults with mental illness need the same kind of control and discipline as a young child.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

18. We need to adopt a far more tolerant attitude toward adults with mental illness in our society.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

19. I would not want to live next door to someone who has been mentally ill.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

20. Residents should accept the location of mental health facilities in their neighbourhood to serve the needs of the local community.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

21. Adults with mental illness should not be treated as outcasts of society.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

22. There are sufficient existing services for adults with mental illness.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

23. Adults with mental illness should be encouraged to assume the responsibilities of normal life.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

24. Local residents have good reason to resist the location of mental health services in their neighbourhood.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

25. The best way to handle adults with mental illness is to keep them behind locked doors.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

26. Our mental hospitals seem more like prisons than like places where adults with mental illness can be cared for.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

27. Anyone with a history of mental illness should be excluded from taking public office.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

28. Locating mental health services in residential neighbourhoods does not endanger local residents.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

29. Mental hospitals are an outdated means of treating adults with mental illness.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

30. Adults with mental illness do not deserve our sympathy.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

31. Adults with mental illness should not be denied their individual rights.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

32. Mental health facilities should be kept out of residential neighbourhoods.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

33. One of the main causes of mental illness is a lack of self-discipline and will power.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

34. We have the responsibility to provide the best possible care for adults with mental illness.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

35. Adults with mental illness should not be given any responsibility.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

36. Residents have nothing to fear from people coming into their neighbourhood to obtain mental health services.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

37. Virtually anyone can become mentally ill.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

38. It is best to avoid anyone who has mental problems.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

39. Most women who were once patients in a mental hospital can be trusted as baby sitters.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

40. It is frightening to think of people with mental problems living in residential neighbourhoods.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Scoring the CAMI:

For questions 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30, 32, 33, 35, 38, 40.

Strongly Agree – 5, Agree – 4, Neutral – 3, Disagree – 2, Strongly Disagree – 1.

Reverse scoring for questions 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 34, 36, 37, 39.

Strongly Agree – 1, Agree – 2, Neutral – 3, Disagree – 4, Strongly Disagree – 5.