

Locus of Control

Julian Rotter (1966) devised a locus of control personality test to assess the extent to which an individual possesses internal or external reinforcement beliefs. Terry Pettijohn, the author of Psychology: A ConnecText, has developed the following test based on Rotter's original idea. Indicate for each statement whether it is T (true) or F (false) for you. There are no right or wrong answers. This survey will give you a general idea of where you stand on the locus of control personality dimension.

1)	I usually get what I want in life.	T	F
2)	I need to be kept informed about news events.	T	F
3)	I never know where I stand with other people.	T	F
4)	I do not really believe in luck or chance.	T	F
5)	I think that I could easily win a lottery.	T	F
6)	If I do not succeed on a task, I tend to give up.	T	F
7)	I usually convince others to do things my way.	T	F
8)	People make a difference in controlling crime.	T	F
9)	The success I have is largely a matter of chance.	T	F
10)	Marriage is largely a gamble for most people.	T	F
11)	People must be the master of their own fate.	T	F
12)	It is not important for me to vote.	T	F
13)	My life seems like a series of random events.	T	F
14)	I never try anything that I am not sure of.	T	F
15)	I earn the respect and honors I receive.	T	F
16)	A person can get rich by taking risks.	T	F
17)	Leaders are successful when they work hard.	T	F
18)	Persistence and hard work usually lead to success.	T	F
19)	It is difficult to know who my real friends are.	T	F
20)	Other people usually control my life.	T	F

SCORING:

Give yourself 5 points for each question if you indicated False on questions:
2,3,5,6,9,10,12,13,14,16,19,20

Give yourself 5 points for each question if you indicated True on questions:
1,4,7,8,11,15,17,18

RESULTS:

- 0-15 Very strong external locus of control
- 20-35 External locus of control
- 40-60 Both external and internal locus of control
- 65-80 Internal locus of control
- 85-100 Very strong internal locus of control

This personality test and many more along with information about personality are available at:
<http://personality-project.org/personality.html>