DTBP SCALE

The desire to belong publicly (DTBP), defined as the individual difference in people's desire to post about their belonging on social media. The DTBP scale measures the individual desire to display belonging on social media.

Instructions:

Please indicate to what extent each of the following statements apply to you.

1 = not at all, 7 = very much

Please note: Here "friend" refers to real-world connections, not Facebook "friend" in a sense of "people that you are friends with on Facebook".

| 1. | It is important to me that people who look at my [social media] profile see that I have many friends | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 2. | I want my [social media] profile to reflect my popularity in real life | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3. | I want my [social media] profile to show that many people like me | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 4. | It is important to me that other people see on my [social media] profile how good my social life is | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5. | I want people who look at my [social media] profile to see that I have close friends | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 6. | I want people who look at my [social media] profile to see that I spend a lot of time with my friends | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 7. | On my [social media] profile, I want others to see that I have a lot of fun with my friends | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8. | On my [social media] profile, I want others to see that I am part of a great group of friends | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 pertained to a desire to display the quality of one's relationships.

Items 5, 6, 7 and 8 pertained to a desire to display the *quantity* of one's relationships.

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