Bibliography of References to the
Multidimensional Self-Esteem Inventory (MSEI)
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This bibliography lists references that have cited the Multidimensional Self-Esteem Inventory (MSEI). The bibliography is based on the results of Social Science Citation Abstracts, PsychINFO, Web of Science, Dissertation Abstracts, and other internet searches (e.g., Google Scholar) that identified journal articles, book chapters, dissertations, theses, conference presentations, a patent application, and other manuscripts that have referenced the MSEI. The bibliography includes sources that cite any of the MSEI manuscripts listed below, including the original dissertation (O’Brien, 1980), a prepublication version of the MSEI manual (O’Brien & Epstein, 1983), and the final published version of the MSEI (O’Brien & Epstein, 1987, 1988). References cited in the O’Brien & Epstein (1988) manual for the MSEI that used the MSEI are included in this bibliography and have been updated as needed (e.g., where unpublished manuscripts cited in the MSEI manual were later published). Most of the references in this bibliography have used the MSEI in empirical research. The MSEI has been used in 37 different countries and has been translated into eight different languages (Bulgarian, Dutch, German, Indonesian, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, and Swedish). The index at the end of this document shows how the MSEI has been used to investigate a wide range of topics, including: abuse, adjustment, attachment, body image, close relationships, cognitive-experiential theory, competence, cross-cultural issues, eating disorders, health psychology, mood disorders, parenting, positive psychology, psychotherapy, schizophrenia, self-determination theory, spirituality, and substance abuse.

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