

Rotter's Locus of Control Scale

Score one point for each of the following:

2.a, 3.b, 4.b, 5.b, 6.a, 7.a, 9.a, 10.b, 11.b, 12.b, 13.b, 15.b, 16.a, 17.a, 18.a, 20.a,

21.a, 22.b, 23.a, 25.a, 26.b, 28.b, 29.a.

A high score = External Locus of Control

A low score = Internal Locus of Control

Locus of Control

Locus of Control refers to the extent to which individuals believe that they can control events that affect them. Individuals with a high *internal locus of control* believe that events result primarily from their own behavior and actions. Those with a high *external locus of control* believe that powerful others, fate, or chance primarily determine events.

Those with a high *internal locus of control* have better control of their behaviour and tend to exhibit more political behaviors than *externals* and are more likely to attempt to influence other people; they are more likely to assume that their efforts will be successful. They are more active in seeking information and knowledge concerning their situation than do *externals*. The propensity to engage in political behavior is stronger for individuals who have a high *internal locus of control* than for those who have a high *external locus of control*.

<http://www.ballarat.edu.au/ard/bssh/psych/rot.htm>

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 X 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

0 – 11 => Internal Locus of Control

12 – 23 => External Locus of Control