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Dear Researcher,

Thank you for your interest in the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Group Identity Measure (LGBGIM).

The LGBGIM was published in a scientific journal for use in the public domain. You do not need to contact any of the authors for permission to use this scale in noncommercial research. However, I do ask that researchers send any reports of research findings to me as soon as available, including those that remain unpublished. You may not use the scale for commercial purposes without permission.

The following pages contain the measure itself, as well as basic information about the measure. If you have questions or concerns about the LGBGIM that are not addressed in these pages, then feel free to contact me using the contact information below.

Best wishes with your research!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elissa Sarno".

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**INFORMATION SHEET:**  
***LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL GROUP IDENTITY MEASURE (LGBGIM)***

**What is the LGBGIM?**

The LGBGIM is a 10-item measure designed to assess three dimensions of LGB group identity, i.e., the part of an individual's self-concept derived from knowledge of membership in the LGB community, along with the value and emotional significance attached to that membership. These three dimensions include behavioral engagement, cognitive clarity, and affective pride. The development of the LGBGIM is fully described by Sarno and Mohr (2016). The measure was adapted from the Multigroup Ethnic Identity Measure (MEIM; Phinney, 1992), a widely used measure of ethnic identity, to assess components of sexual minority identity.

**Do I need to ask for permission to use the LGBGIM?**

In the interest of promoting further study of LGB group identity, other researchers may use this scale without contacting us to obtain prior permission. However, we do ask that researchers send any reports of research findings as soon as available, including those that remain unpublished, to Elissa L. Sarno ([elsarno@umd.edu](mailto:elsarno@umd.edu)).

**What instructions should be given with the LGBGIM?**

For comparability to the norms published in our study (Sarno & Mohr, 2016), researchers should present respondents with the instructions included in this document (see next page).

**How are the three LGBGIM subscales scored?**

*Behavioral Engagement* = average of items 1, 2, 6, 8

*Cognitive Clarity* = average of items 3, 5

*Affective Pride* = average of items 4, 7, 9, 10

NOTE: The underlined item should be reverse scored.

**What are the psychometric properties of the LGBGIM?**

Exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses were used to derive the three LGBGIM subscales. Data from a large sample of LGB college students supported the validity and reliability of LGBGIM subscale scores, suggesting that the LGBGIM may offer researchers an efficient means of assessing dimensions of LGB group identity.

**What else is important to know about the LGBGIM?**

Before using the LGBGIM, we suggest you read about the instrument development process in the article below. It includes information on the MEIM, the ethnic identity measure from which the LGBGIM was adapted.

Sarno, E. L., & Mohr, J. J. (2016). Adapting the multigroup ethnic identity measure to assess LGB group identity. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 3, 293-303. doi:10.1037/sgd0000173

## The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Group Identity Measure

Please respond to the following items related to your connection to lesbian gay, and bisexual (LGB) communities and your identity as an LGB person.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Disagree somewhat	Agree somewhat	Agree	Strongly agree
1. I have spent time trying to find out more about the LGB community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. I am active in organizations or social groups that include mostly LGB people.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. I have a clear sense of my sexual orientation and what it means for me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. I am happy that I am a member of the LGB community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. I am not very clear about the role of my sexual orientation in my life.	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. In order to learn more about LGB culture I have often talked to other people about LGB culture.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. I have a lot of pride in the LGB community and its accomplishments.	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. I participate in LGB cultural practices such as pride events, benefits, or marches.	1	2	3	4	5	6
9. I feel a strong attachment towards the LGB community.	1	2	3	4	5	6
10. I feel good about being a part of the LGB community.	1	2	3	4	5	6