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## Technical Brief for the

THOMAS-KILMANN CONFLICT MODE INSTRUMENT

## Global Research Project for Translated TKI Assessments

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## INTRODUCTION

The Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI) identifies a person's behavior in conflict situations. Understanding one's conflict-handling style and the broader range of conflict modes can help individuals manage conflict. The TKI is commonly used in a variety of applications, including management and supervisory training, team building, leadership coaching, and marriage and family counseling. CPP, Inc., in response to increasing demand for the TKI from outside the United States, has steadily translated the instrument from English into other languages. This technical brief summarizes translation efforts and reviews psychometric functioning in each language.

## THE THOMAS-KILMANN CONFLICT MODE INSTRUMENT

The TKI, developed by Kenneth W. Thomas and Ralph H. Kilmann, is based on a conceptual framework proposed by Robert Blake and Jane Mouton (1964). Blake and Mouton suggested five basic attitudes and styles of control for managers that could be placed on a managerial grid (Blake \& Mouton, 1964). Thomas refined the conflict aspects of this framework in the early 1970s (Thomas, 2002). The revised TKI conflict model identifies five different conflict-handling modes, or ways of dealing with conflict: competing, collaborating, compromising, avoiding, and accommodating (Schaubhut, 2007). The TKI describes these modes along two independent dimensions: assertiveness, the degree to which individuals attempt to satisfy their own concerns, and cooperativeness, the degree to which individuals attempt to satisfy other people's concerns (Thomas \& Kilmann, 1974, 2007). As described in Introduction to Conflict Management (Thomas, 2002), the conflict modes represent the following major combinations of assertiveness and cooperativeness:

- Competing is assertive and uncooperative; individuals who use this mode try to satisfy their own concerns at the other person's expense.
- Collaborating is assertive and cooperative; individuals who use this mode try to find a win-win solution that completely satisfies both persons' concerns.
- Compromising is intermediate in assertiveness and cooperativeness; individuals who use this mode try to find an acceptable settlement that only partially satisfies both persons' concerns.
- Avoiding is unassertive and uncooperative; individuals who use this mode sidestep the conflict without trying to satisfy either person's concerns.
- Accommodating is unassertive and cooperative; individuals who use this mode attempt to satisfy the other person's concerns at the expense of their own.

A research review by Thomas and Kilmann (1975) found that other measures of the five modes of dealing with conflict were susceptible to respondents choosing responses based on how they may appear to others (Edwards, 1957). Research into socially desirable responding suggests a decrease in test validity if it is not controlled for (Edwards, 1970). Thomas and Kilmann developed the TKI to minimize disparity of social desirability in the item responses. They chose and tested each item pair to ensure that neither response was more socially desirable. A study examining the ability of the instrument to control social desirability found that the TKI significantly reduced the social desirability response bias when compared to similar tools assessing conflict behavior (Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977; for a copy of this paper, see "References"). By actively addressing social desirability, the TKI more accurately describes individuals' conflict modes. A review of current literature found no studies of social desirability pertaining to newer assessments of the five conflicthandling modes.

## SCORING

The TKI comprises 30 forced-choice items. For each item, respondents choose which of two statements is most characteristic of their behavior. Each conflict mode is paired with the remaining conflict modes, three times. Raw scores are calculated by counting the number of times each mode is chosen, with scores ranging from 0 to 12 . The raw scores are converted to percentile scores. Percentile scores indicate the percentage of people in a norm group who scored at or below a given raw score. In addition, percentile scores are partitioned into three interpretive ranges-high (the top 25\%), medium (the middle 50\%), and low (the bottom 25\%). Further information on percentile scores creation appears in the section "Percentile Ranks from the International Samples."

## U.S. NORM SAMPLE

In this document, researchers used the 2007 U.S. norm sample as a comparative sample. Full descriptions of this sample and other U.S. samples are available in Schaubhut, 2007. Briefly, the 2007 U.S. norm sample included 8,000 adults from the U.S. employed population (Schaubhut, 2007). Respondents represented a number of racial and ethnic groups and self-reported working in a variety of occupations. Individuals in the sample mirror the U.S. workforce as

TABLE 1. TARGET LANGUAGES AND SAMPLE COUNTRIES

| Language | Sample Country |
| :--- | :--- |
| English, North American | United States |
| Chinese, Simplified | China-Mainland |
| Chinese, Traditional | China-Hong Kong |
| Danish | Denmark |
| Dutch | Netherlands |
| French, Canadian | Canada |
| French, European | France |
| German | Germany |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | Brazil |
| Portuguese, European | Portugal |
| Spanish, European | Spain |
| Spanish, Latin American | Mexico |
| Swedish | Sweden |

reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. Department of Labor, n.d.).

## STEPS IN THIS STUDY

This research effort evaluated the translations of the TKI from North American English into 12 target languages (see Table 1). Researchers developed a research plan closely following Thomas and Kilmann's original methods, supplementing it to address concerns unique to translations. Outlined below are the nine steps used in the study.

1. A translation consulting firm and an in-country subject matter expert translated the TKI into each target language.
2. A single sample was drawn from each target country and then broken into four subsamples. One subsample was used to examine social desirability, a second for test-retest, a third for validation, and a fourth for creation of norms.
3. Data were gathered from the four subsamples.
4. Researchers evaluated social desirability for each language.
5. Researchers examined test-retest data for each language.
6. Researchers examined validity of the TKI with the MyersBriges Type Indicator ${ }^{\circledR}\left(\mathrm{MBT}^{\circledR}\right)$ assessment for each language. Although it represents only one indication of validity, the MBTI tool provides a particularly rich research opportunity, as similar validations have been done using U.S. samples (Kilmann \& Thomas, 1975).
7. Percentile ranks were generated for each international sample.
8. Conflict mode differences by language were examined.
9. Conflict mode differences by gender were examined.

The remaining sections of this document outline these steps in greater detail.

## TRANSLATION PROCESS

TKI translation followed the practices used for other CPP translations. Most translations evaluated were completed prior to the beginning of this project; only the German translation was new. In all cases a translation consulting firm completed an initial translation. Next, an in-country subject matter expert reviewed the translation. Identified discrepancies were reconciled through review iterations between the translation firm and the in-country subject matter expert. Incountry subject matter experts were given tie-breaking authority based on local dialect expertise. Once discrepancies were reconciled, the translations were placed online and reviewed for typographical errors.

## SAMPLE SELECTION

Researchers partnered with an international marketing firm to identify participants in the 12 target languages. The marketing firm used an internal database to identify potential participants. The marketing firm contacted identified individuals via email and asked them to participate. Interested individuals responded and were screened for eligibility. Individuals were considered eligible if they were 18 years or older, self-reported being a full-time employee, and responded that their country of residence was the same as the country in which the sample was drawn. The sampling plan included an equal number of men and women in each language sample.

Researchers drew a master sample for each language, and all individuals completed the TKI. They then separated the master sample into four subsamples, with each completing another component of the research plan. The first subsample consisted of approximately 100 individuals per language who completed demographic information and rated the social desirability of TKI items. A second subsample consisted of approximately 400 individuals per language. These individuals completed demographic information and the TKI. A third subsample consisted of approximately 100 individuals per language who completed the TKI and then completed the MBTI assessment. Finally, approximately 100 individuals per language completed the TKI a second time after two weeks.

Researchers cleaned data before analyses, removing respondents if they omitted three or more TKI items, completed the assessment in three or fewer minutes, or demonstrated patterns of invalidity (e.g., responding to the survey with all
$1 s, 2 s$, or $0 s$ ). They scored remaining data using standard procedures. Table 2 provides a description of the final master international samples used in analyses.

## SOCIAL DESIRABILITY OF THE TKI SCALES BY LANGUAGE

Individuals often respond to items on a self-report psychological inventory in a way they believe others view favorably. This tendency, commonly known as social desirability bias, is a persistent challenge for psychological measurement. Most commonly, socially desirable responding distorts measurement results by artificially increasing mean self-report scores on desirable attributes (Thomas \& Kilmann, 1975).

The TKI is a forced-choice measure, where the respondent selects one of two alternatives, making the social desirability of response options an important consideration. Thomas and Kilmann designed the TKI to account for social desirable responding by having participants rate the response alternatives of the TKI instrument on a 9-point scale, ranging from "Extremely Undesirable" to "Extremely Desirable" (see Edwards, 1957). Thomas and Kilmann paired response alternatives according to the rated social desirability.

Kilmann and Thomas (1977) also used social desirability ratings to determine the influence of item desirability on item and scale scores. First, they created a social desirability differential for each item by subtracting the mean social desirability rating of alternative "B" from alternative "A." The authors then correlated the differential scores with the proportion of individuals who selected the "A" alternative when completing the TKI instrument. The results of this investigation indicated that social desirability did not have a significant impact on response alternative selection ( $r=.21 ; p>.01 ; n=30$ ), explaining only $4 \%$ of the variance in self-ratings on TKI instrument items.

Researchers replicated social desirability analyses in the current investigation for each translation of the TKI (see Table 3). Results for 9 of the 12 new translations indicated that social desirability showed no significant correlation with item response selection ( $p>.05$ ). The findings show that socially desirable ratings explained less than $1 \%$ to, in the extreme case, $35 \%$ of the variance in self-ratings on TKI instrument items. It is important to note that even the most extreme case is well below the equivalent correlations for other conflicthandling instruments (.87 to .94; Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977). Researchers also examined results to determine whether correlations significantly differed from the U.S. population using a Steiger's $Z$-test. No statistically significant

TABLE 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE

| Language | Mean Age | Men \% | Organizational Level |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Entry Level \% | Nonsupervisory \% | Supervisory \% | Management \% | Executive \% |
| English, North American | 40.4 | 50.0 | 5.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 | 35.0 | 20.0* |
| Chinese, Simplified | 32.6 | 48.1 | 21.6 | 25.9 | 30.9 | 18.9 | 2.7 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 33.2 | 48.1 | 45.2 | 29.7 | 16.3 | 5.3 | 3.4 |
| Danish | 45.5 | 48.6 | 41.3 | 15.9 | 25.4 | 14.9 | 2.5 |
| Dutch | 43.7 | 49.4 | 70.7 | 7.6 | 11.0 | 6.9 | 3.8 |
| French, Canadian | 43.1 | 49.3 | 59.0 | 12.5 | 11.5 | 10.8 | 6.2 |
| French, European | 38.7 | 48.5 | 52.3 | 11.2 | 25.2 | 5.0 | 6.2 |
| German | 40.0 | 48.2 | 68.6 | 12.9 | 7.3 | 4.6 | 6.6 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 36.9 | 47.2 | 61.1 | 15.4 | 15.4 | 6.8 | 1.3 |
| Portuguese, European | 37.6 | 50.7 | 46.3 | 11.8 | 21.2 | 15.3 | 5.5 |
| Spanish, European | 39.5 | 46.9 | 53.1 | 27.9 | 11.2 | 2.7 | 5.1 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 38.1 | 51.0 | 30.0 | 28.0 | 17.3 | 15.0 | 9.8 |
| Swedish | 47.3 | 48.2 | 60.3 | 26.1 | 9.1 | 2.1 | 2.4 |

[^0]TABLE 3. CORRELATION BETWEEN SOCIAL DESIRABILITY DIFFERENTIAL AND PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSE OPTION ENDORSEMENT OF THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE

|  |  | U.S. Norm Sample Comparison |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Language | $\boldsymbol{r}$ | $\boldsymbol{z}$ | Diff | $\boldsymbol{p}$ |
| English, North American ${ }^{1}$ | .210 | 0.213 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Chinese, Simplified | $.592^{*}$ | 0.681 | .086 |  |
| Chinese, Traditional | .084 | 0.084 | -0.47 | .636 |
| Danish | .111 | 0.111 | -0.37 | .709 |
| Dutch | $.436^{*}$ | 0.467 | 0.93 | .350 |
| French, Canadian | .099 | 0.099 | -0.42 | .676 |
| French, European | $.458^{*}$ | 0.495 | 1.03 | .301 |
| German | -.012 | -0.012 | -0.83 | .408 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | .274 | 0.281 | 0.25 | .803 |
| Portuguese, European | .135 | 0.136 | -0.28 | .776 |
| Spanish, European | -.019 | -0.019 | -0.85 | .394 |
| Spanish, Latin American | .300 | 0.310 | 0.35 | .723 |
| Swedish | -.034 | -0.034 | -0.91 | .364 |

Note: $r=$ correlation between social desirability differential and percentage of response option endorsement; $Z=$ Steiger's $Z$, a measure of statistical difference between correlations; Diff = difference between the U.S. and comparison country, where positive values indicate scores higher in the comparison country; $p=$ significance test, where values less than .05 are significant.
*p < .05. ${ }^{1}$ From Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977.
differences existed between the U.S. norm sample and translated versions.

A second approach Kilmann and Thomas (1977) implemented involved averaging social desirability differentials between paired response alternatives for the 12 statements representing each of the five conflict-handling modes. These values were then correlated with the average self-report scores across the five modes, yielding a Pearson coefficient of .41 (nonsignificant for $n=5$ ). Researchers also replicated these analyses with results reported in Table 4. Consistent with previous findings, 11 out of 12 samples indicate that social desirable responding did not have a significant influence on scores. European Spanish reached statistical significance ( $p=$ .02), indicating that social desirable responding may have had an influence on conflict-handing scores. The European Spanish sample was also the only sample that differed significantly from the U.S. norm sample.

## RELIABILITY OF THE TKI SCALES BY LANGUAGE

Reliability of an assessment is commonly measured in two ways. First, items composing a scale are examined to deter-
mine item consistency using Cronbach's alpha. Higher values on Cronbach's alpha indicate greater consistency. As Thomas, Thomas, and Schaubhut (2008) point out, because only four degrees of freedom exist among five scale scores, Cronbach's alpha undervalues the reliability of the TKI scales. This fact is further complicated as responses for each item load onto different scales. Due to these factors and others, Thomas, Thomas, and Schaubhut conclude that Cronbach's alpha may not be the best indicator of reliability for the TKI. For these reasons researchers did not examine internal consistency using Cronbach's alpha. For further information on the discussion of internal consistency and the TKI, see Thomas, Thomas, and Schaubhut (2008).

A second evaluation of reliability looks at consistency of responses over time. Test-retest asks participants to complete a measure on multiple occasions and then correlates the scores. In the current analysis, participants completed the TKI and, after two weeks, completed the TKI again. Test-retest reliabilities for each translation are reported in Table 5. In general, the test-retest reliabilities for the translated versions are below those reported for the North American English version (Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977), with Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese showing the lowest test-retest coefficients. Considering test-retest reliabilities across all languages, however, yields test-

## TABLE 4. CORRELATION BETWEEN SOCIAL DESIRABILITY DIFFERENTIAL AND MODE SCORE FOR THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE

|  |  | U.S. Norm Sample Comparison |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Language | $\boldsymbol{r}$ | $\boldsymbol{Z}$ | Diff | $\boldsymbol{p}$ |
| English, North American ${ }^{1}$ | .410 | 0.436 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Chinese, Simplified | .600 | 0.693 | -0.12 | .797 |
| Chinese, Traditional | .307 | -.772 | -1.025 | -1.46 |
| Danish | -.011 | -0.011 | -0.45 | .906 |
| Dutch | .166 | 0.168 | -0.27 | .654 |
| French, Canadian | -.291 | -0.300 | -0.74 | .789 |
| French, European | -.322 | -0.334 | -0.77 | .462 |
| German | -.277 | -0.284 | -0.72 | .442 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | -.137 | -1.713 | -0.57 | .471 |
| Portuguese, European | $-.937 *$ | -0.216 | -2.15 | .566 |
| Spanish, European | -.213 | -.831 | -0.65 | .032 |
| Spanish, Latin American |  | -1.63 | .514 |  |
| Swedish |  |  | .104 |  |

Note: $r=$ correlation between social desirability differential and mode score; $Z=$ Steiger's $Z$, a measure of statistical difference between correlations; Diff = difference between the U.S. and comparison country, where positive values indicate scores higher in the comparison country; $p=$ significance test, where values less than .05 are significant.
*p < .05. ${ }^{1}$ From Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977.

## TABLE 5. TEST-RETEST CORRELATIONS FOR THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE

| Language | $\boldsymbol{N}$ | Competing | Collaborating | Compromising | Avoiding | Accommodating |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English, North American ${ }^{1}$ | 76 | .61 | .63 | .66 | .68 | .62 |
| Chinese, Simplified | 78 | .38 | .15 | .35 | .30 | .40 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 91 | .62 | .44 | .28 | .25 | .47 |
| Danish | 95 | .71 | .57 | .45 | .55 | .51 |
| Dutch | 99 | .72 | .57 | .46 | .58 | .55 |
| French, Canadian | 59 | .70 | .46 | .43 | .56 | .57 |
| French, European | 64 | .42 | .33 | .46 | .40 | .50 |
| German | 77 | .50 | .63 | .34 | .51 | .52 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 92 | .57 | .23 | .62 | .47 | .40 |
| Portuguese, European | 80 | .54 | .49 | .66 | .57 | .57 |
| Spanish, European | 85 | .63 | .46 | .43 | .33 | .52 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 78 | .59 | .46 | .53 | .43 | .63 |
| Swedish | 113 | .81 | .51 | .53 | .49 | .57 |

Note: See Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977, for North American English correlations. All remaining correlations greater than . 15 are significant at the .05 level. ${ }^{1}$ From Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977.
retest coefficients comparable with those of other conflict mode assessments ( .39 to .55 ; Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977).

## VALIDITY OF THE TKI SCALES BY LANGUAGE

Validation of an instrument establishes empirical links to theoretical constructs and established measures. Kilmann and Thomas $(1975,1977)$ explored the empirical links between the TKI and several other assessments. In this study, researchers sought to replicate known and meaningful relationships between the TKI and the preference dichotomies of the MBTI instrument (Kilmann \& Thomas, 1975). Kilmann and Thomas (1975) found that the Integrative dimension of conflict behavior, which refers to the realization of both parties' interest, was positively correlated with the Extra-version-Introversion dichotomy ( $r=.29, p<.01$ ), indicating that Introverts were more likely to use Avoiding than they were Collaborating conflict behaviors. The Distributive dimension, which refers to attempts to satisfy one's own objectives at the expense of the other party, was negatively related to the Thinking-Feeling dichotomy ( $r=-.38, p<$ $.001)$, indicating that individuals with a Feeling preference were more likely to use Accommodating than they were Competing conflict behaviors.

In this study, a subsample of participants completed the TKI followed by the MBTI assessment. The Integrative dimension, consistent with Kilmann and Thomas (1975), subtracted the Avoiding score from the Collaborating score. The Distributive dimension subtracted the Accommodating score from the Competing score. Building on previous research, the current investigation explored the following hypotheses:

1. The Integrative dimension will be correlated with the Extraversion-Introversion dichotomy.
2. The Distributive dimension will be correlated with the Thinking-Feeling dichotomy.
3. Competing conflict behaviors, because they involve satisfying personal needs at the expense of others, will be correlated with the Thinking-Feeling dichotomy.
4. Collaborating conflict behaviors, because they require a deeper level of involvement with the other party, will be correlated with the Extraversion-Introversion dichotomy.
5. Avoiding conflict behaviors, because they require the least amount of interpersonal interaction, will be correlated with the Extraversion-Introversion dichotomy.
6. Accommodating conflict behaviors, because they involve concern for the needs of others, will be correlated with the Thinking-Feeling dichotomy.

Hypothesized relationships were investigated using Pearson product-moment correlation coefficients and are shown in Table 6. Statistically significant results supported the hypotheses for the Danish, Canadian French, European French, and Swedish samples. Dutch, German, Brazilian Portuguese, European Spanish, and Latin American Spanish samples generally showed the expected patterns of relationships but did not reach statistical significance for all relationships. Simplified Chinese and European Portuguese samples showed smaller relationships, with trends in the expected direction except for hypothesis 4. Traditional Chinese results were less consistent, with results in the opposite direction of hypotheses 4 and 5 .

## PERCENTILE RANKS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES

Researchers calculated percentiles for each of the raw scores ( $0-12$ ). Percentile scores are calculated as the median point (or middle) of the range of cumulative frequency covered by that score. For example, if a raw score of 5 has a cumulative frequency of $40 \%$ and a score of 6 has a cumulative frequency of $60 \%$, then a raw score of 6 covers the range from $40 \%$ to $60 \%$ and the percentile assigned would be the median value of $50 \%$. If researchers did not make this adjustment and used simple cumulative frequencies, the percentile scores would be biased in an upward direction. Among other things, this would mean that more than $25 \%$ of people would be expected to fall into the "top $25 \%$ " interpretive range on a given conflict mode, while fewer than $25 \%$ of people would be expected to fall into the "bottom $25 \%$ " interpretive range.

The raw and percentile scores for the U.S. norm sample and each of the translated versions of the TKI appear in Tables A-1 to A-5 in Appendix A. As indicated in these tables, the percentiles tend to shift slightly across translated versions of the assessment. To interpret these shifts, it is important to understand that a percentile score denotes the number of individuals below the raw score. For example, a percentile score of $70 \%$ indicates that $70 \%$ of the normative group scores at or below that raw score.* A review of the percentile scores shows a relatively consistent pattern of percentiles across countries. A noteworthy exception is a shift on Collaborating in comparison to the U.S. sample. Percentiles on this scale indicate

[^1]TABLE 6. CORRELATIONS BETWEEN TKI MODES AND MBTI ${ }^{\circledR}$ CONTINUOUS SCORES FOR THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE

|  |  | TKI Dim | ensions |  | TKI M | odes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Integrative | Distributive | Competing | Collaborating | Avoiding | Accommodating |
|  |  | MBTI ${ }^{\text {® }}$ D | hotomies |  | MBT ${ }^{\text {® }}$ Dich | tomies |  |
| Language | $N$ | E-I | T-F | T-F | E-I | E-I | T-F |
| English, North American ${ }^{1}$ | 76 | -.29** | -.38** | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Chinese, Simplified | 62 | -. 10 | -. 10 | -. 08 | . 01 | . 17 | . 09 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 73 | . 12 | -.38** | -.27** | . 01 | -. 18 | .35** |
| Danish | 93 | -.28** | -.29** | -.31** | -.27** | .21* | .18* |
| Dutch | 11 | -.20* | -.27** | -.27** | -. 11 | .22* | .21* |
| French, Canadian | 43 | -.41** | -.39** | -.39** | -.34* | .36** | .27* |
| French, European | 69 | -.35** | -.33** | -.30** | -.24* | .37** | .27* |
| German | 60 | -. 21 | -.32** | -.29* | -. 20 | . 16 | .25* |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 77 | -. 15 | -. 03 | -. 03 | -.20* | . 05 | . 02 |
| Portuguese, European | 86 | -. 01 | -. 10 | -. 09 | . 01 | . 02 | . 08 |
| Spanish, European | 10 | -.16* | -. 11 | -. 08 | -. 06 | .21* | . 12 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 85 | -. 12 | -.22* | -.24* | -. 06 | . 14 | . 12 |
| Swedish | 11 | -.27** | -.39** | -.45** | -.18* | .26** | .20* |

Note: Compromising is not included for analysis, as it is in the middle of the TKI modes.
*p<.05; **p<.01. ${ }^{1}$ From Kilmann \& Thomas 1977.
that individuals in other countries tended to have lower raw scores.

Also in Appendix A, Table A-6 contains the conflict mode percentile medians by language using U.S. norms. As shown in this table, medians tend to be near the center of the distribution, indicating that half of the distribution is above the median and half below the median.

As with the U.S. norm sample, each international sample was partitioned into three interpretive categories-high (the top $25 \%$ ), medium (the middle 50\%), and low (the bottom $25 \%$ ), based on the distribution of the raw scores. Table 7 illustrates the results for each of the five conflict modes. Although each language sample's percentile scores shifted slightly for all conflict modes, the interpretive categories are very similar to those found for the U.S. norm sample, with translations normally varying by one or two raw points. Thus, interpretation of TKI results for the U.S. norm sample and the international samples are similar. The one possible exception is the Collaborating mode, where ranges of 5-8 and $9-12$ were categorized as medium and high, respectively, for the U.S. norm sample and ranges of 5-7 and 8-12 were
categorized as low and medium for some other countries. This difference may be a function of the organizational level of individuals in the U.S. norm sample versus that of those in the international samples. In the U.S. norm sample $75 \%$ of respondents were employed as supervisors, managers, executives, or top executives. In contrast, in the international samples on average only about $30 \%$ of respondents were employed as supervisors, managers, executives, or top executives. Previous research (Blake \& Mouton, 1964; Brewer, Mitchell, \& Weber, 2002; Thomas, Thomas, \& Schaubhut, 2008) has indicated that Collaborating increases at higher organizational levels. Given these findings, the shift in the Collaborating mode in the current study may be attributed to the smaller percentage of individuals in the international samples who were supervisors or above.

## ANALYSES OF CONFLICT MODE DIFFERENCES

The analyses of the raw score and percentile distributions show slight differences in the distributions and interpretive boundaries for several languages. However, it is necessary to

| TABLE 7. RAW SCORES AND INTERPRETIVE RANGES FOR THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TKI Mode |  |  |  |  | 喜 |  |  | ¢ |  |  |  |  | - |
| Competing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High (top 25\%) | 7-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 6-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 |
| Medium (middle 50\%) | 3-6 | 4-7 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3-7 | 3-6 | 3-7 | 2-5 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 3-6 | 4-6 | 2-6 |
| Low <br> (bottom 25\%) | 0-2 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-2 | 0-3 | 0-1 |
| Collaborating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High (top 25\%) | 9-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 8-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 |
| Medium (middle 50\%) | 5-8 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 5-7 | 4-6 | 5-7 | 5-7 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 5-7 | 4-6 | 4-6 | 4-6 |
| Low <br> (bottom 25\%) | $0-4$ | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-3 |
| Compromising |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High <br> (top 25\%) | 10-12 | 9-12 | 9-12 | 8-12 | 9-12 | 10-12 | 10-12 | 10-12 | 10-12 | 10-12 | 9-12 | 10-12 | 9-12 |
| Medium <br> (middle 50\%) | 6-9 | 6-8 | 6-8 | 5-7 | 5-8 | 7-9 | 7-9 | 7-9 | 7-9 | 7-9 | 6-8 | 7-9 | 6-8 |
| Low (bottom 25\%) | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-6 | 0-6 | 0-6 | 0-6 | 0-6 | 0-5 | 0-6 | 0-5 |
| Avoiding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High (top 25\%) | 8-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 9-12 | 10-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 8-12 | 8-12 | 9-12 | 9-12 | 9-12 | 10-12 |
| Medium (middle 50\%) | 5-7 | 5-6 | 5-7 | 6-8 | 6-9 | 5-7 | 5-6 | 5-7 | 5-7 | 5-8 | 6-8 | 6-8 | 6-9 |
| Low <br> (bottom 25\%) | $0-4$ | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-5 | 0-5 | 0-5 |
| Accommodating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| High (top 25\%) | 7-12 | 8-12 | 9-12 | 8-12 | 9-12 | 8-12 | 8-12 | 8-12 | 7-12 | 7-12 | 9-12 | 8-12 | 9-12 |
| Medium (middle 50\%) | 4-6 | 5-7 | 5-8 | 5-7 | 5-8 | 4-7 | 4-7 | 5-7 | 4-6 | 3-6 | 5-8 | 4-7 | 5-8 |
| Low <br> (bottom 25\%) |  | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-3 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-2 | 0-4 | 0-3 | 0-4 |

[^2]determine whether these differences are meaningful to users of the TKI. To that end, a series of analyses examined differences in mean scores based on language and gender.

## Differences by Language

Researchers used univariate analyses of variance (ANOVAs) to determine whether statistically significant differences existed between samples from the U.S. and the other 12 languages. ANOVAs compare the mean scores of two or more groups to determine whether statistically significant differences exist between them (Tabachnick \& Fidell, 2001). A summary of these analyses provided in Table 8 shows that statistically significant mean differences exist between languages for all five conflict modes. However, given the sample sizes, the more relevant criteria for this analysis are the effect sizes $\left(\eta^{2}\right)$.

Researchers computed effect sizes to determine the magnitude of the ANOVA results. Effect sizes provide an indication of size differences in a practical sense. While results can be statistically significant due to large sample sizes, they may not have practical significance. Large samples typically reach statistical significance, so effect sizes are of particular value in this study. Effect sizes computed for the mean differences on the five TKI conflict modes suggest that the reported differences are small and not likely to have a large impact on any of the five conflict modes (Cohen, 1992). The effect sizes for the overall comparison are also shown in Table 8. A review shows that the largest effect size for the comparison of all countries occurs for Collaborating, accounting for just under $6 \%$ of the variance in Collaborating across all the different languages examined. An $\eta^{2}$ of this value is a small effect, according to Cohen (1992).

After the ANOVAs showed statistically significant differences between the countries, Tukey's HSD post hoc analyses evaluated test differences between the U.S. norm sample and each language sample. Standardized difference scores, reported in Appendix B, examined the magnitude of these differences. Effect sizes measured using Cohen's $d$ revealed that differences were small ( $d \leq .20$ ) to medium ( $d \geq .50$ and $<.80$ ) (Cohen, 1992). Notable exceptions were mean comparisons between the U.S. norm sample and the Dutch, Brazilian Portuguese, European Spanish, Latin American Spanish, and Swedish translations on the Collaborating scale, which demonstrated medium ( $d \geq .50$ ) to high ( $d \geq .80$ ) effect sizes. These differences may exist due to a different percentage of supervisors and executives in the U.S. norm sample in comparison to each international sample.

## Differences by Gender

Previous research has revealed differences between the scores of men and women in the U.S., with men scoring slightly higher than women on Competing (Thomas, Thomas, \& Schaubhut, 2008). Herk, Thompson, Thomas, and Kilmann (2011) found that international samples followed a similar pattern when completing the North American English version of the TKI, with 10 out of 17 countries having men scoring higher on Competing. Gender differences on other modes were less evident. In this research project, analyses were replicated to determine whether similar differences existed. Table 9 provides median percentile scores for men and women using U.S. percentiles in each of the countries for each of the five conflict modes.

To examine gender differences by language, researchers used exploratory independent sample $t$-tests (see Appendix C).

TABLE 8. ANOVA RESULTS FOR THE TKI MODES FROM THE
U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES

| TKI Mode | Variance Sources | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sum of } \\ \text { Squares (SS) } \end{gathered}$ | Degrees of Freedom (df) | Mean Square (MS) | F | $p$ | $\eta^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Competing | Language | 537.467 | 12 | 44.789 | 5.695 | . 000 | . 0056 |
|  | Error | 95242.844 | 12042 | 7.865 |  |  |  |
| Collaborating | Language | 3392.595 | 12 | 282.716 | 63.627 | . 000 | . 0596 |
|  | Error | 56899.335 | 12042 | 4.443 |  |  |  |
| Compromising | Language | 1298.467 | 12 | 108.206 | 23.258 | . 000 | . 0227 |
|  | Error | 57322.669 | 12042 | 4.652 |  |  |  |
| Avoiding | Language | 1660.107 | 12 | 138.342 | 25.604 | . 000 | . 0249 |
|  | Error | 66725.373 | 12042 | 5.403 |  |  |  |
| Accommodating | Language | 1473.454 | 12 | 122.788 | 24.312 | . 000 | . 0237 |
|  | Error | 62291.086 | 12042 | 5.050 |  |  |  |

TABLE 9. TKI MODE MEDIAN PERCENTILE SCORES FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES BY LANGUAGE USING U.S. NORMS

|  | Competing |  | Collaborating |  | Compromising |  | Avoiding |  | Accommodating |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women | Men | Women |
|  |  |  |  |  | Median Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |
| Language | 57 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 34 | 49 | 62 | 62 |  |
| Chinese, Simplified | 57 | 44 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 58 | 49 | 49 | 62 | 76 |
| Danish | 44 | 44 | 41 | 41 | 27 | 27 | 65 | 65 | 62 | 62 |
| Dutch | 57 | 44 | 26 | 26 | 41 | 41 | 65 | 65 | 62 | 62 |
| French, Canadian | 57 | 44 | 41 | 41 | 58 | 58 | 34 | 49 | 46 | 46 |
| French, European | 57 | 57 | 41 | 41 | 58 | 58 | 34 | 49 | 46 | 62 |
| German | 44 | 31 | 41 | 41 | 58 | 58 | 49 | 65 | 62 | 62 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 57 | 57 | 26 | 26 | 58 | 58 | 49 | 49 | 62 | 62 |
| Portuguese, European | 57 | 44 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 58 | 49 | 49 | 46 | 46 |
| Spanish, European | 44 | 44 | 26 | 26 | 41 | 41 | 65 | 65 | 62 | 76 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 57 | 57 | 26 | 26 | 58 | 58 | 65 | 65 | 46 | 46 |
| Swedish | 57 | 31 | 26 | 26 | 41 | 41 | 65 | 65 | 76 | 76 |

Independent sample $t$-tests examine whether significant differences exist between two populations (Gravetter \& Wallanu, 2004). Researchers also used Cohen's $d$ to examine effect sizes to determine practical significance. Results showed that for Competing, men scored significantly higher in the Danish, European Spanish, and Swedish samples. Men also scored significantly higher on the Collaborating mode in the European Portuguese and Latin American Spanish samples. German women scored higher than men on the Compromising mode. Latin American Spanish women scored higher on the Avoiding mode. All effect sizes were less than or equal to .26 , indicating small practical differences.

In general, few differences were found between men's and women's mode scores. Differences identified were small in magnitude and were generally consistent with previous research (Herk et al., 2011; Thomas, Thomas, \& Schaubhut, 2008).

## CONCLUSION

The analyses presented in this document were conducted as an initial investigation of TKI translations in multiple languages. Researchers first evaluated social desirability. To begin, they evaluated the correlations between social desirability and percentage of response option endorsement. Results showed social desirability responding in Simplified Chinese, Dutch, and European French samples, with the
remaining nine samples showing no significant relationships. The relationship between social desirability differential and percentage of response option endorsement was then compared with results seen in the U.S. sample, with no significant differences found. Researchers also evaluated the correlation between social desirability and mode score. Results showed no significant differences for 11 out of the 12 language samples, with European Spanish being the sole exception. These results were again compared to the U.S. sample. Results showed similar patterns, with 11 out of 12 of these correlations not being significantly different from relationships seen in the U.S. sample. The sole exception found was the European Spanish sample. As a whole, these results indicate that social desirability is not a large concern for the evaluated samples. The influence found does not appear to significantly impact scale scores and is much lower than that reported for other conflict mode instruments. Furthermore, there appears to be a consistent pattern of social desirability across languages.

Researchers also evaluated the test-retest reliabilities of the TKI translations. Results showed values lower than those seen in the U.S. norm sample and below what are considered ideal for psychological measurement. However, test-retest reliabilities tend to be within the expected range for other conflict mode tools (. 39 to .55 ; Kilmann \& Thomas, 1977). Future research should evaluate whether these reliabilities are symptomatic of the samples, the research method, or problems with the translations.

Researchers examined the TKI norms, including the high, medium, and low categories. Results revealed no large deviations from the U.S. norms. However, broad generalizations about languages, countries, or cultures should not be made based on these findings.

A review of the external validity of the assessment in relation to the MBTI assessment was favorable. Several translations exhibited significant results in the expected direction; the remaining translations showed results in the expected direction but may not have reached statistical significance on all comparisons. Only the Traditional Chinese sample showed three patterns that were unexpected. Taken as a whole, these results provide evidence supporting the validity of the TKI conflict modes.

Researchers compared the mean conflict mode across languages. Analyses showed that most differences were small to medium for the Competing, Compromising, Avoiding, and Accommodating modes. Collaborating showed larger differences for Dutch, European Portuguese, European Spanish, Latin American Spanish, and Swedish samples.

Finally, researchers examined differences between men and women for each conflict mode. Results showed very few differences between men and women across the various languages, and these differences were found to be small to medium in size.

In general, based on social desirability, test-retest, and validity data, the translations of Danish, Dutch, Canadian French,

European French, German, Latin American Spanish, and Swedish closely mirror U.S. findings. European Portuguese results were consistent with social desirability and test-retest reliability with slightly weaker validity results with the MBTI assessment. These differences are likely due to sample size issues and should be replicated in a larger sample. Research also indicated that Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese translations more frequently deviated from the U.S. sample than did other languages, particularly with test-retest and validity-related issues. Future studies should look further into these languages. Brazilian Portuguese also showed some differences from the U.S. norm sample, with Collaborating test-retest and validity results lower but in the anticipated directions. Similarly, European Spanish differed slightly from the U.S. norm sample in regard to social desirability differential and mode score and Avoiding test-retest, and minor differences in validity evidence. It is important to note that the validity sample for this group was particularly small $(n=10)$, and trends were in the anticipated direction.

In general, results of these studies are supportive of the TKI translations. Results are generally consistent and of the same magnitude across countries. Future research should focus on two areas: first, research in the document should be replicated with larger sample sizes as they become available; and second, research should be conducted on translated versions of the TKI as they are developed and used around the world to ensure that the instrument functions well in those languages and cultures.

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## APPENDIX A: TKI RAW SCORES AND PERCENTILES

| TABLE A-1. RAW SCORES AND PERCENTILES FOR THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES-COMPETING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Raw Score |  |  |  |  | 氧 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 든 } \\ & \stackrel{y}{0} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{-\tilde{n}}{\bar{o}} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & \stackrel{y}{0} \end{aligned}$ |
| 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 1 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 14 |
| 2 | 20 | 10 | 18 | 24 | 23 | 16 | 16 | 27 | 17 | 14 | 24 | 14 | 26 |
| 3 | 31 | 19 | 29 | 34 | 35 | 28 | 27 | 41 | 28 | 26 | 34 | 21 | 39 |
| 4 | 44 | 29 | 43 | 47 | 45 | 42 | 38 | 53 | 41 | 39 | 48 | 33 | 51 |
| 5 | 57 | 44 | 57 | 59 | 55 | 55 | 49 | 65 | 54 | 53 | 62 | 49 | 61 |
| 6 | 69 | 59 | 70 | 67 | 64 | 66 | 62 | 76 | 67 | 65 | 74 | 64 | 71 |
| 7 | 79 | 73 | 80 | 76 | 72 | 78 | 74 | 85 | 77 | 77 | 84 | 77 | 79 |
| 8 | 87 | 84 | 88 | 83 | 80 | 86 | 84 | 90 | 86 | 85 | 89 | 88 | 86 |
| 9 | 93 | 92 | 93 | 88 | 88 | 91 | 91 | 95 | 92 | 91 | 92 | 94 | 91 |
| 10 | 96 | 96 | 98 | 92 | 93 | 95 | 95 | 98 | 96 | 95 | 95 | 97 | 95 |
| 11 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 96 | 96 | 98 | 98 | 99 | 98 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 98 |
| 12 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 99 |



| Raw Score | TABLE A－3．RAW SCORES AND PERCENTILES FOR THE U．S．NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES－COMPROMISING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 気 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 15 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 9 |
| 5 | 15 | 19 | 12 | 29 | 25 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 18 | 10 | 18 |
| 6 | 27 | 34 | 25 | 46 | 37 | 18 | 17 | 21 | 20 | 23 | 32 | 21 | 35 |
| 7 | 41 | 50 | 41 | 63 | 54 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 41 | 49 | 37 | 55 |
| 8 | 58 | 64 | 58 | 79 | 72 | 47 | 48 | 50 | 53 | 60 | 67 | 56 | 71 |
| 9 | 75 | 77 | 77 | 89 | 85 | 64 | 64 | 70 | 71 | 75 | 82 | 74 | 84 |
| 10 | 87 | 88 | 91 | 96 | 94 | 79 | 80 | 86 | 86 | 87 | 93 | 88 | 93 |
| 11 | 95 | 95 | 97 | 99 | 98 | 91 | 92 | 95 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 97 | 97 |
| 12 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 99 |


| Raw Score | TABLE A－4．RAW SCORES AND PERCENTILES FOR THE U．S．NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES－AVOIDING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 镸 } \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{\overline{1}} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 或 } \\ & \stackrel{0}{\omega} \end{aligned}$ |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 3 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| 4 | 22 | 19 | 17 | 10 | 8 | 22 | 21 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 10 | 13 | 8 |
| 5 | 34 | 39 | 34 | 20 | 16 | 39 | 39 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 20 | 23 | 18 |
| 6 | 49 | 63 | 54 | 35 | 28 | 58 | 60 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 34 | 37 | 33 |
| 7 | 65 | 81 | 73 | 52 | 43 | 73 | 76 | 61 | 64 | 62 | 51 | 55 | 48 |
| 8 | 78 | 92 | 87 | 69 | 59 | 85 | 86 | 78 | 80 | 75 | 66 | 75 | 63 |
| 9 | 88 | 98 | 95 | 83 | 75 | 93 | 94 | 89 | 90 | 86 | 82 | 88 | 77 |
| 10 | 95 | 100 | 99 | 92 | 90 | 97 | 97 | 94 | 95 | 94 | 93 | 95 | 89 |
| 11 | 98 | 100 | 100 | 97 | 97 | 99 | 99 | 98 | 98 | 98 | 97 | 98 | 96 |
| 12 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 99 |


| Raw Score | TABLE A-5. RAW SCORES AND PERCENTILES FOR THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE AND INTERNATIONAL SAMPLES-ACCOMMODATING |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Percentile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | § |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 25 | 9 | 16 | 8 |
| 4 | 30 | 17 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 29 | 29 | 19 | 26 | 37 | 17 | 31 | 15 |
| 5 | 46 | 31 | 32 | 38 | 32 | 45 | 43 | 32 | 42 | 52 | 29 | 46 | 26 |
| 6 | 62 | 51 | 47 | 53 | 45 | 61 | 58 | 49 | 59 | 68 | 43 | 62 | 40 |
| 7 | 76 | 70 | 61 | 67 | 61 | 76 | 74 | 65 | 76 | 79 | 59 | 75 | 56 |
| 8 | 87 | 87 | 76 | 80 | 75 | 86 | 87 | 78 | 87 | 88 | 73 | 86 | 72 |
| 9 | 94 | 95 | 88 | 89 | 87 | 93 | 95 | 88 | 95 | 95 | 85 | 94 | 85 |
| 10 | 98 | 98 | 95 | 96 | 96 | 98 | 99 | 95 | 98 | 98 | 94 | 98 | 95 |
| 11 | 100 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 99 | 100 | 99 | 100 | 100 | 98 | 100 | 99 |
| 12 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

table A-6. TKI MODE PERCENTILE MEDIANS BY LANGUAGE USING THE U.S. NORM SAMPLE

|  | Percentile Median |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TKI Mode |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt[n]{n}} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ | 镸 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{-\tilde{n}}{\bar{o}} \\ & \stackrel{0}{u} \end{aligned}$ |
| Competing | 44 | 57 | 44 | 44 | 51 | 44 | 57 | 44 | 57 | 57 | 44 | 57 | 44 |
| Collaborating | 58 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 26 | 41 | 41 | 41 | 26 | 41 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| Compromising | 58 | 41 | 58 | 27 | 41 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 41 | 41 | 58 | 41 |
| Avoiding | 49 | 34 | 49 | 65 | 65 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 49 | 65 | 65 | 65 |
| Accommodating | 46 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 62 | 46 | 46 | 62 | 62 | 46 | 62 | 46 | 76 |

Note: The median percentile indicates where half the scores are above and half the scores are below.

## APPENDIX B: TUKEY'S HSD POST HOC ANALYSES

| Language | TABLE B-1. TUKEY'S HSD POST HOC ANALYSES FOR U.S. VS INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES-COMPETING |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Competing |  |  |  |
|  | Mean Difference | Standard Error | $p$ | Cohen's d |
| Chinese, Simplified | -0.729 | . 169 | . 001 | -. 28 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 0.050 | . 160 | 1.000 | . 02 |
| Danish | 0.011 | . 153 | 1.000 | . 00 |
| Dutch | -0.171 | . 154 | . 997 | -. 06 |
| French, Canadian | -0.184 | . 150 | . 991 | -. 07 |
| French, European | -0.383 | . 159 | . 436 | -. 14 |
| German | 0.657 | . 158 | . 002 | . 24 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | -0.166 | . 160 | . 998 | -. 06 |
| Portuguese, European | -0.315 | . 149 | . 656 | -. 11 |
| Spanish, European | 0.363 | . 156 | . 491 | . 13 |
| Spanish, Latin American | -0.384 | . 153 | . 369 | -. 14 |
| Swedish | 0.324 | . 152 | . 642 | . 11 |

TABLE B-2. TUKEY'S HSD POST HOC ANALYSES FOR U.S. VS INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES-COLLABORATING

|  | Collaborating |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Language | Mean Difference | Standard Error | $\boldsymbol{p}$ | Cohen's $\boldsymbol{d}$ |
| Chinese, Simplified | 0.605 | .127 | .000 | .31 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 0.822 | .121 | .000 | .41 |
| Danish | 0.351 | .115 | .107 | .16 |
| Dutch | 1.700 | .116 | .000 | .83 |
| French, Canadian | 0.761 | .113 | .000 | .37 |
| French, European | 0.878 | .120 | .000 | .43 |
| German | 0.919 | .118 | .000 | .43 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 1.180 | .120 | .000 | .59 |
| Portuguese, European | 0.475 | .112 | .002 | .24 |
| Spanish, European | 1.323 | .117 | .000 | .63 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 1.386 | .115 | .000 | .68 |
| Swedish | 1.550 |  | .000 | .71 |


| Language | TABLE B-3. TUKEY'S HSD POST HOC ANALYSES FOR U.S. VS INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES—COMPROMISING |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Compromising |  |  |  |
|  | Mean Difference | Standard Error | $p$ | Cohen's d |
| Chinese, Simplified | 0.317 | . 130 | . 418 | . 14 |
| Chinese, Traditional | -0.009 | . 123 | 1.000 | . 00 |
| Danish | 1.194 | . 118 | . 000 | . 55 |
| Dutch | 0.786 | . 118 | . 000 | . 36 |
| French, Canadian | -0.654 | . 115 | . 000 | -. 30 |
| French, European | -0.646 | . 122 | . 000 | -. 30 |
| German | -0.372 | . 121 | . 102 | -. 17 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | -0.341 | . 123 | . 212 | -. 16 |
| Portuguese, European | -0.041 | . 115 | 1.000 | -. 02 |
| Spanish, European | 0.393 | . 120 | . 055 | . 18 |
| Spanish, Latin American | -0.216 | . 118 | . 831 | -. 10 |
| Swedish | 0.588 | . 117 | . 000 | . 28 |

TABLE B-4. TUKEY'S HSD POST HOC ANALYSES FOR U.S. VS INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES-AVOIDING

|  | Avoiding |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Language | Mean Difference | Standard Error | $\boldsymbol{p}$ | Cohen's $\boldsymbol{d}$ |
| Chinese, Simplified | 0.540 | .140 | .008 | .26 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 0.221 | .133 | .908 | .10 |
| Danish | -0.803 | .127 | .000 | -.35 |
| Dutch | -1.258 | .128 | .000 | -.55 |
| French, Canadian | 0.367 | .124 | .137 | .16 |
| French, European | 0.385 | .132 | .151 | .17 |
| German | -0.258 | .131 | .750 | -.11 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | -0.266 | .132 | .266 | -.12 |
| Portuguese, European | -0.331 | .124 | .000 | -.14 |
| Spanish, European | -0.863 | .129 | .004 | -.37 |
| Spanish, Latin American | -0.507 | .127 | .000 | -.22 |
| Swedish | -1.090 |  | -.47 |  |


| Language | TABLE B-5. TUKEY'S HSD POST HOC ANALYSES FOR <br> U.S. VS INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES—ACCOMMODATING |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Accommodating |  |  |  |
|  | Mean Difference | Standard Error | $p$ | Cohen's d |
| Chinese, Simplified | -0.539 | . 135 | . 005 | -. 26 |
| Chinese, Traditional | -0.848 | . 129 | . 000 | -. 37 |
| Danish | -0.555 | . 123 | . 000 | -. 25 |
| Dutch | -0.849 | . 123 | . 000 | -. 37 |
| French, Canadian | -0.055 | . 120 | 1.000 | -. 02 |
| French, European | 0.029 | . 127 | 1.000 | . 01 |
| German | -0.723 | . 126 | . 000 | -. 32 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | -0.133 | . 128 | . 998 | -. 06 |
| Portuguese, European | 0.449 | . 120 | . 011 | . 19 |
| Spanish, European | -1.007 | . 125 | . 000 | -. 44 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 0.003 | . 123 | 1.000 | . 00 |
| Swedish | -1.154 | . 122 | . 000 | -. 51 |

## APPENDIX C: TKI Mode Mean Score Differences Between Men and Women

| Language | $\mathrm{C}-1 .$ NTER | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EAN D } \\ & \text { ATIO } \end{aligned}$ | FFER AL SA | $\begin{aligned} & \text { S BE } \\ & E S B Y \end{aligned}$ | NEEN ANG |  | OMEN PETING |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Competing |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  | df | $t$ | $p$ | Cohen's d |
|  | $N$ | M | SD | $N$ | M | SD |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese, Simplified | 137 | 5.42 | 2.37 | 148 | 5.41 | 2.56 | 283.00 | -0.06 | . 95 | -. 01 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 153 | 4.90 | 2.58 | 165 | 4.90 | 2.58 | 316.00 | -1.72 | . 09 | -. 19 |
| Danish | 170 | 5.06 | 3.34 | 180 | 4.31 | 2.98 | $338.27^{\text {a }}$ | -2.24 | . 03 | -. 24 |
| Dutch | 171 | 5.02 | 3.48 | 175 | 4.70 | 2.95 | $332.77^{\text {a }}$ | -0.92 | . 36 | -. 10 |
| French, Canadian | 181 | 4.99 | 2.69 | 186 | 4.75 | 2.80 | 365.00 | -0.86 | . 39 | -. 09 |
| French, European | 157 | 5.36 | 2.73 | 167 | 4.80 | 2.81 | 322.00 | -1.82 | . 07 | -. 20 |
| German | 159 | 4.27 | 2.74 | 171 | 3.80 | 2.73 | 328.00 | -1.56 | . 12 | -. 17 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 152 | 4.91 | 2.87 | 169 | 4.79 | 2.62 | 319.00 | -0.40 | . 69 | -. 04 |
| Portuguese, European | 187 | 5.19 | 2.95 | 182 | 4.80 | 2.58 | 362.83 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | -1.35 | . 18 | -. 14 |
| Spanish, European | 159 | 4.67 | 2.94 | 180 | 4.02 | 2.78 | 337.00 | -2.09 | . 04 | -. 23 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 179 | 5.27 | 2.55 | 172 | 4.85 | 2.42 | 349.00 | -1.58 | . 12 | -. 17 |
| Swedish | 171 | 4.75 | 2.98 | 184 | 3.99 | 3.03 | 353.00 | -2.38 | . 02 | -. 25 |

Note: $d f=$ degrees of freedom; $t=t$-value; $p=p$-value; ${ }^{a}=$ unequal variance

TAbLE C-2. MEAN DIFFERENCES bETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN bY LANGUAGE-COLLABORATING

| Language | Collaborating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  | df | $t$ | $p$ | Cohen's d |
|  | $N$ | M | SD | $N$ | M | SD |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese, Simplified | 137 | 5.85 | 1.68 | 148 | 5.91 | 1.71 | 283.00 | 0.26 | . 80 | . 03 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 153 | 5.66 | 1.77 | 165 | 5.66 | 1.77 | 316.00 | 0.03 | . 97 | . 00 |
| Danish | 170 | 6.11 | 2.08 | 180 | 6.16 | 2.13 | 348.00 | 0.25 | . 81 | . 03 |
| Dutch | 171 | 4.87 | 1.95 | 175 | 4.71 | 1.86 | 344.00 | -0.77 | . 44 | -. 08 |
| French, Canadian | 181 | 5.75 | 1.89 | 186 | 5.70 | 1.89 | 365.00 | -0.27 | . 79 | -. 03 |
| French, European | 157 | 5.54 | 1.91 | 167 | 5.68 | 1.83 | 322.00 | 0.68 | . 50 | . 08 |
| German | 159 | 5.50 | 2.01 | 171 | 5.63 | 2.03 | 328.00 | 0.60 | . 55 | . 07 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 152 | 5.23 | 1.74 | 169 | 5.37 | 1.75 | 319.00 | 0.73 | . 47 | . 08 |
| Portuguese, European | 187 | 6.22 | 1.73 | 182 | 5.80 | 1.80 | 367.00 | -2.30 | . 02 | -. 24 |
| Spanish, European | 159 | 5.26 | 2.01 | 180 | 5.07 | 1.95 | 337.00 | -0.89 | . 37 | -. 10 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 179 | 5.31 | 1.88 | 172 | 4.88 | 1.75 | 349.00 | -2.24 | . 03 | -. 24 |
| Swedish | 171 | 4.82 | 2.18 | 184 | 5.04 | 2.19 | 353.00 | 0.97 | . 33 | . 10 |

[^3]TABLE C-3. MEAN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN BY LANGUAGE—COMPROMISING

| Language | Compromising |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  | df | $t$ | $p$ | Cohen's d |
|  | $N$ | M | SD | $N$ | M | SD |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese, Simplified | 137 | 7.00 | 2.17 | 148 | 7.20 | 2.31 | 283.00 | 0.76 | . 44 | . 09 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 153 | 7.27 | 2.07 | 165 | 7.27 | 2.07 | 316.00 | 1.42 | . 16 | . 16 |
| Danish | 170 | 6.12 | 2.33 | 180 | 6.33 | 1.95 | $330.17^{\text {a }}$ | 0.94 | . 35 | . 10 |
| Dutch | 171 | 6.54 | 2.30 | 175 | 6.73 | 2.17 | 344.00 | 0.76 | . 45 | . 08 |
| French, Canadian | 181 | 7.93 | 2.13 | 186 | 8.22 | 2.19 | 365.00 | 1.25 | . 21 | . 13 |
| French, European | 157 | 7.92 | 2.04 | 167 | 8.20 | 2.06 | 322.00 | 1.23 | . 22 | . 14 |
| German | 159 | 7.55 | 2.06 | 171 | 8.02 | 2.04 | 328.00 | 2.11 | . 04 | . 23 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 152 | 7.64 | 1.94 | 169 | 7.87 | 2.00 | 319.00 | 1.02 | . 31 | . 11 |
| Portuguese, European | 187 | 7.26 | 2.02 | 182 | 7.67 | 2.14 | 367.00 | 1.88 | . 06 | . 20 |
| Spanish, European | 159 | 7.01 | 1.93 | 180 | 7.04 | 2.18 | 337.00 | 0.14 | . 89 | . 02 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 179 | 7.64 | 1.95 | 172 | 7.63 | 1.91 | 349.00 | -0.04 | . 97 | . 00 |
| Swedish | 171 | 6.73 | 2.13 | 184 | 6.93 | 2.03 | 353.00 | 0.90 | . 37 | . 10 |

Note: $d f=$ degrees of freedom; $t=t$-value; $p=p$-value; ${ }^{a}=$ unequal variance.

## TABLE C-4. MEAN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN BY LANGUAGE—AVOIDING

| Language | Avoiding |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  | df | $t$ | $p$ | Cohen's $d$ |
|  | $N$ | M | SD | $N$ | M | SD |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese, Simplified | 137 | 5.38 | 1.60 | 148 | 5.63 | 1.61 | 283.00 | 1.30 | . 19 | . 16 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 153 | 5.87 | 1.78 | 165 | 5.87 | 1.78 | 316.00 | -0.40 | . 69 | -. 04 |
| Danish | 170 | 6.84 | 2.12 | 180 | 6.87 | 2.27 | 348.00 | 0.13 | . 89 | . 01 |
| Dutch | 171 | 7.36 | 2.17 | 175 | 7.26 | 2.17 | 344.00 | -0.43 | . 67 | -. 05 |
| French, Canadian | 181 | 5.65 | 2.15 | 186 | 5.72 | 2.16 | 365.00 | 0.31 | . 76 | . 03 |
| French, European | 157 | 5.50 | 1.96 | 167 | 5.81 | 2.06 | 322.00 | 1.39 | . 17 | . 15 |
| German | 159 | 6.26 | 2.28 | 171 | 6.35 | 2.19 | 328.00 | 0.38 | . 71 | . 04 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 152 | 6.51 | 2.08 | 169 | 6.14 | 1.97 | 319.00 | -1.61 | . 11 | -. 18 |
| Portuguese, European | 187 | 6.31 | 2.33 | 182 | 6.45 | 2.19 | 367.00 | 0.60 | . 55 | . 06 |
| Spanish, European | 159 | 6.78 | 2.18 | 180 | 7.03 | 2.18 | 337.00 | 1.05 | . 30 | . 11 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 179 | 6.29 | 2.14 | 172 | 6.83 | 2.07 | 349.00 | 2.40 | . 02 | . 26 |
| Swedish | 171 | 7.14 | 2.19 | 184 | 7.14 | 2.24 | 353.00 | -0.02 | . 98 | . 00 |

[^4]TABLE C-5. MEAN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN BY LANGUAGE-ACCOMMODATING

| Language | Accommodating |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Men |  |  | Women |  |  | df | $t$ | $p$ | Cohen's $d$ |
|  | $N$ | M | SD | $N$ | M | SD |  |  |  |  |
| Chinese, Simplified | 137 | 6.12 | 1.84 | 148 | 5.70 | 2.02 | 283.00 | -1.83 | . 07 | -. 22 |
| Chinese, Traditional | 153 | 6.10 | 2.35 | 165 | 6.10 | 2.35 | 316.00 | 0.81 | . 42 | . 09 |
| Danish | 170 | 5.71 | 2.20 | 180 | 6.11 | 2.36 | 348.00 | 1.61 | . 11 | . 17 |
| Dutch | 171 | 6.02 | 2.44 | 175 | 6.39 | 2.29 | 344.00 | 1.44 | . 15 | . 15 |
| French, Canadian | 181 | 5.47 | 2.09 | 186 | 5.36 | 2.41 | $360.06^{\text {a }}$ | -0.46 | . 64 | -. 05 |
| French, European | 157 | 5.38 | 2.41 | 167 | 5.29 | 2.23 | 322.00 | -0.34 | . 73 | -. 04 |
| German | 159 | 6.22 | 2.35 | 171 | 5.95 | 2.32 | 328.00 | -1.04 | . 30 | -. 11 |
| Portuguese, Brazilian | 152 | 5.46 | 2.04 | 169 | 5.52 | 2.06 | 319.00 | 0.26 | . 79 | . 03 |
| Portuguese, European | 187 | 4.76 | 2.33 | 182 | 5.07 | 2.47 | 367.00 | 1.23 | . 22 | . 13 |
| Spanish, European | 159 | 6.11 | 2.46 | 180 | 6.59 | 2.27 | 337.00 | 1.90 | . 06 | . 21 |
| Spanish, Latin American | 179 | 5.21 | 2.19 | 172 | 5.51 | 2.24 | 349.00 | 1.29 | . 20 | . 14 |
| Swedish | 171 | 6.32 | 2.22 | 184 | 6.69 | 2.31 | 353.00 | 1.53 | . 13 | . 16 |

Note: $d f=$ degrees of freedom; $t=t$-value; $p=p$-value; ${ }^{a}=$ unequal variance.


[^0]:    Note: North American English $N=8,000$, Simplified Chinese $N=285$, Traditional Chinese $N=318$, Danish $N=350$, Dutch $N=346$, Canadian French $N=367$, European French $N=324$, German $N=330$, Brazilian Portuguese $N=321$, European Portuguese $N=369$, European Spanish $N=339$, Latin American Spanish $N=351$, Swedish $N=355$.
    *Percentage includes executives (15\%) and top executives (5\%) for this sample.

[^1]:    *A difference in interpretation of values exists when comparing mean or median scores on a mode between two or more different samples and when comparing the same samples' percentile values for the same raw score (as in Table 7, as well as in Tables A-1 to A-5). When comparing the median or mean raw scores on, for example, Competing between two samples-sample A and sample B-a higher score for sample A means that sample A scored higher on the raw scores for Competing. But when comparing the percentile values of the two samples for the same raw scores, a higher percentile value means the opposite. For example, when sample A has a higher percentile than sample B for the same raw score, it means that more people in sample A have scored lower than that raw score.

[^2]:    Note: Interpretive ranges that differ between the U.S. norm sample and the international samples are shaded.

[^3]:    Note: $d f=$ degrees of freedom; $t=t$-value; $p=p$-value; ${ }^{a}=$ unequal variance

[^4]:    Note: $d f=$ degrees of freedom; $t=t$-value; $p=p$-value; ${ }^{a}=$ unequal variance.

