

Our Advice to Grant Applicants Planning to Use the *Lewis Scales* in a Research Project

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We will seriously consider (and give preference to) projects in which:

1. The *Lewis Scales* and the variables those *Scales* measure are integral to the rationale and goals of the study.
2. The PI commits to a plan for self-training (as described in the Rater Training Guide) by all *Lewis Scales* coders.
3. The PI commits to following the guidelines in the Rater Training Guide for the creation of optimal video recordings.
4. The PI agrees to randomly select 10 of the project's videos to be coded by our *Lewis Scales* Consultant, John T. Gossett, Ph.D., for comparison to the project coders' assessments to assure that the coders are using the *Scales* accurately.
5. We strongly recommend (but do not require) that the PI or a coder designated by the PI be Certified as a *Lewis Scales* Coder (as described in the Rater Training Guide) to further assure that the coders are using the *Scales* accurately.