

## Sex Roles: An International Journal

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*Sex Roles* is clearly becoming an international journal. In 2007, we published a total of 159 research articles. In analyzing these articles, we found that 30% were based on samples from countries other than the USA or Canada. In six papers, data came from multiple countries. Looking at where these samples come from, we note that Israeli samples were found in nine papers, and Australian samples were used in six papers. Five samples came from The Netherlands. In addition, European samples were found in 29% of the non-US samples. Asia (excluding Australia and New Zealand) accounted for 8% of the non-US samples, and Latin America for 4%. We published three papers using Turkish samples, and one with an African sample. Thus, we had good representation around the world, although the majority of our samples were in the most industrialized countries. We feel that gender-related research in psychology and the social sciences needs to broaden outside of the USA, and we are proud that *Sex Roles* is aiding in this. We welcome submissions of studies done in countries other than the USA.

In addition to looking at samples outside the USA, we have sought the participation of scholars from many countries as peer reviewers of articles submitted to *Sex Roles* for publication consideration. Although the large majority of our reviewers were scholars based in the USA, we did call upon 31 scholars in Canada, 24 in the UK, 19 in Australia, 15 in Israel, seven in Turkey, and six in Germany.

In all, we used a total of 641 reviewers from 32 countries. Our Editorial Board also brings an international perspective, with Canada, Mexico, Scotland, Turkey, Hong Kong, and Australia represented in addition to the USA.

In order to build our understanding of cultural context, we are now requiring that every paper published in *Sex Roles* clearly identify where the sample comes from in the Abstract as well as in the Method section of the paper. This is required for studies based on samples from the USA, as well as those utilizing samples from other countries. In addition, we ask that in papers that build their theoretical framework on the basis of research published in countries other than that where the sample comes from, the authors identify this fact. To further educate all of us, we request that these authors provide some discussion of how the gender issues of concern in their paper have been addressed by scholars within the country where the data come from. Thus, as is often the case, if the theories cited in the paper were derived from samples in the United States, it is essential that this be explicitly identified, and that the relevance of such data and theory from the USA be explicitly addressed in the paper. If the theoretical framework and empirical data cited in the Introduction of the paper come from multiple countries, as is highly desirable, this too needs to be clearly explained. If there are regional variations in the variables of concern in the research, this is important information that needs to be acknowledged and discussed.

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