Social and Economic Conservatism Scale (SECS)

This is a scale developed by Everett (2013) which can be used to measure conservatism along social and economic conservatism subscales.

Directions: For each of the following items, please rate how positive or negative you feel about each issue, on a scale of 0 to 100, where 0 represents very negative, and 100 represents very positive.

1) Abortion
2) Welfare benefits
3) Limited government
4) Military and national security
5) Religion
6) Gun Ownership
7) Traditional Marriage
8) Traditional Values
9) Fiscal Responsibility
10) Business/Corporations
11) The Family Unit
12) Patriotism

Scoring:

Social Conservatism: Average the scores: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12

Economic Conservatism: Average the scores: 2*, 3, 6, 9, 10.

*Reverse code

Sources:

Everett, J.A. (2013). The 12 item social and economic conservatism scale (SECS). *PloS one 8*(12), e82131