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>To: PSYLAW-L@crcvms.unl.edu
>Subject: Logical Rorscach
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>So, what's the consensus on the Logical Rorschach? Someone? Anyone?
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>Eric Mart

Dear Eric,
Here's the SHORT response to your question:
I think the Logical Rorschach is a pretty good idea and a step in the
right direction.
Here the LONG response........
My co-authors and I have consistently stated since 1996 that Form
Quality and Deviant Verbalizations on the Rorschach bear a valid
relationship to schizophrenia and some other disorders. We also
believe, by the way, that the Rorschach has potential as a "back-up"
measure of intelligence, when better measures such as the WAIS and WISC
are impractical.
In our opinion, the Comprehensive System is largely a waste of time.
It's loaded with scores that can't be scored accurately and whose
validity has never been established. It's time consuming and cumbersome
to use, and its norms are seriously in error, so that normal people look
"sick." (For a summary, see our recent review "The Scientific Status of
Projective Techniques" in Psychological Science in the Public Interest
by Lilienfeld, Wood, and Garb. It can be downloaded free at
http://www.psychologicalscience.org/newsresearch/publications/journals/p
spi1_2.html)
In the Logical Rorschach, Ed Wagner has taken the "logical" step of
trimming the Rorschach down to its best-validated scores. With Ed's
approach, only Form Quality and Deviant Verbalizations are scored and
calculated. The psychologist doesn't have to waste time on arcane and
useless issues, such as pondering whether a particular response is FY or
YF, or calculating Adj D.
While I think that the Logical Rorschach is a big step in the right
direction, there are several things to keep in mind.
(1) It's not clear that the Logical Rorschach's approach to scoring Form
Quality and Deviant Verbalizations is the absolute best approach
possible. Researchers need to compare the reliability and validity of
the Logical Rorschach variables with comparable variables in other
Rorschach systems (Thought Disorder Index, F+%, X+%), to see which
versions of Form Quality and Deviant Verbalizations are easiest to score
and most valid. (2) The norms for the Logical Rorschach are based on
limited groups, and need to be cross-checked in research with other
groups. (3) More validity studies need to be done -- I hope that grad
students looking for dissertation topics will start looking at the
Logical Rorschach.
I have no financial or emotional tie with the Logical Rorschach and have
never met Ed Wagner (though we've spoken several times on the phone).
If you or list members would like to know more, you might want to
contact him. He's in (highly active) retirement at the glorious Isle of
Palms, and can be contacted at MamaWags41@aol.com
Jim