



Entry Title

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Status of Participants

- ☐ Elite ☐ Religious Specialists ☐ Non-elite (common people, general populace)

Evidence of & Reasons for Gratitude

Do the sources contain evidence relevant to whether people experience or express gratitude* to god or other supernatural agents*?

— Yes / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

 If Yes:

In as much detail as possible, write down exactly what that supernatural agent is (e.g., a god, a saint, mother nature).

— Specify _____

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Comments / Sources:

Health/Life/Safety (check all that apply)

- ☐ Lifting of curses, healing, improved health ☐ Life/creation ☐ Children/childbirth ☐ Safety during journeys
☐ Avoiding "near misses" or being spared from potential danger, that is, where a bad thing could have happened but did not (e.g., avoiding injury or attack during
☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Food/Sustenance (check all that apply)

- ☐ Food ☐ Good harvests ☐ Favorable weather conditions for growing food (for example, rain) ☐ Hunted animals or fish ☐ N/A
☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Do people have words or phrases to express gratitude toward god or other supernatural agents? (they don't need to be unique phrases/phrases specifically reserved for thanking god or supernatural agents).

– Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Do people experience gratitude/express gratitude to god/s or other supernatural agents following positive outcomes? (e.g. food/sustenance, health/life/safety, success/good fortune, protection from danger, etc.)

– Yes / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

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Comments / Sources:

Success/good fortune in one’s endeavors (check all that apply)

- ☐ Success in personal projects (e.g., building a house, finding work) ☐ Success in war or conflict
☐ Good luck or good fortune, or a blessed life (without reference to any particular benefit received)
☐ Resilience, bravery, or strength during battles or wars ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Protection from natural/spiritual danger (check all that apply)

- ☐ The end of a famine, natural disaster, or other group-level hardship ☐ Sun, rain, fire, other natural phenomena
☐ Warnings of upcoming threats, disasters, etc. ☐ Protection from malevolent spirits or god/s ☐ N/A

Comments / Sources:

Any other reasons for people to express gratitude to supernatural agents?

– Specify _____ / N/A

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Comments / Sources:

Behaviors & Rituals

Are there any behaviors or rituals that people use to express gratitude to god/s or other supernatural agents? (e.g. material tribute/sacrifices, non-material expressions of gratitude, promises/acts of prosociality, etc.)

— Yes / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

↳ If Yes:

Material Tribute/Sacrifices (check all that apply)

- ☐ Lighting candles or incense
- ☐ Providing valuable or important goods, for example food, drinks (e.g., beer), jewelry, or money to the god (e.g., at the shrine or temple)
- ☐ Contributing money, time, or effort to building or repairing churches, mosques, temples, shrines, monuments, etc. ☐ Feasting /partying
- ☐ Animal sacrifices ☐ Human sacrifices ☐ N/A

Comments / Sources:

Non-material Expressions of Gratitude (check all that apply)

- ☐ Prayers of thanksgiving ☐ Songs, dances, dramatic performances
- ☐ Crying, submissive postures, hands raised, smiling/laughing (any other emotional expressions?)
- ☐ Abstaining from substances or practices, (e.g. fasting) ☐ Praising the god in public ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Promises/Acts of Prosociality (check all that apply)

- ☐ Helping third parties as a form of "repaying it forward" ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Promises to do nice things for the god/spirit/ancestor in the future ☐ Promises to behave better (more honest, devout, generous) in the future

Comments / Sources:

Are there any indications that the expression was particularly costly (in terms of time, resources, physical pain involved, or other sacrifice/loss?

— Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

Are there any other behaviors or rituals as expressions of gratitude to a supernatural agent?

— Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

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Comments / Sources:

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- Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

Attitudes & Norms

Are gestures of gratitude towards supernatural agents explicitly described as a way of repaying that agent (for what they have given you)?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are gestures/verbalizations of supernatural gratitude grounded in fear of the supernatural agent?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are gestures/verbalizations of supernatural gratitude grounded in positive feelings like love, faithfulness, or devotion to (as opposed to fear of) the supernatural agent?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are there any benefits from gods or other supernatural agents for which it is considered impossible to adequately express gratitude?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Do/does god(s) or supernatural agent(s) have to do something specific and tangible for you in order to deserve your gratitude?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are there any situations in which a god or other supernatural agent might thank you?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are there oral traditions such as folktales, stories, or anecdotes regarding gratitude expressions or experiences towards supernatural agents?

— Yes [include source with text/title/author/page #] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are children taught or socialized to be grateful or to express gratitude toward gods or other supernatural agents?

— Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are there any other stated norms or rules about supernatural gratitude that people are supposed to follow?

— Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Did the sources reveal anything else about supernatural gratitude that this survey doesn't specifically ask about?

— Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

Evidence of Existence

Do the sources contain evidence relevant to whether people experience or express gratitude toward other people (excluding gods or other supernatural agents)?

— Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Do the sources explicitly indicate that interpersonal gratitude does not exist as a concept?

— Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Types of People/Relationships

Are there words or phrases that people use to express gratitude toward other people*?

— Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Familial Relationships (check all that apply)

— ☐ Parents ☐ Spouse/Romantic partner ☐ Siblings ☐ Children ☐ Grandparents or other elders in one's family ☐ Godparents ☐ N/A
☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Are types of people (roles, position relative to oneself) to which people experience or express gratitude? (e.g. family, friends/community, authority figures, etc.)

— Yes / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:



If Yes:

Familial Relationships (check all that apply)

- ☐ Parents ☐ Spouse/Romantic partner ☐ Siblings ☐ Children ☐ Grandparents or other elders in one's family ☐ Godparents ☐ N/A
☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Friendly/Communal Relationships (check all that apply)

- ☐ Friends ☐ Neighbors ☐ Visitors to one's home or special event (e.g., a funeral or celebration of a baby's birth)
☐ Other communities or cultural groups (e.g., who provided aid during a difficult time)
☐ People who loan or give you resources/money when you are in need ☐ Hosts (i.e., people who share lodging or food with visitors)
☐ Marriage "sponsors" (who mentor and assist younger married couples)
☐ Other families that provide wives for one's sons (or that provide sons for one's daughters) ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Authority Figures (check all that apply)

- ☐ Government officials (e.g., representatives of a modern state, county, or national government)
☐ Traditional group leaders (e.g., tribal elders, chiefs) ☐ Priests, shamans, medicine men/women, or mediums
☐ Doctors, nurses, midwives, missionaries who dispense medicine or healthcare ☐ Teachers ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Other/Uncategorized (check all that apply)

- ☐ Strangers ☐ Animals (or spirits of animals) who are killed (e.g., "allow" themselves to be killed) for food ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

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Comments / Sources:

Reasons for Gratitude

Are there benefits, goods, services, loans, or outcomes for which people express gratitude towards other people? (e.g. material, emotional/informational or other benefits)

- Yes / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:



If Yes:

Material Benefits (check all that apply)

- ☐ Food/drink ☐ Money ☐ Services/favors ☐ Lodging ☐ Hospitality when traveling ☐ Assistance during conflict ☐ N/A
☐ Other (e.g., gifts, other types of loans) _____

Comments / Sources:

Emotional/Informational Benefits (check all that apply)

- ☐ Marriage/romantic relationship ☐ Advice ☐ Information/knowledge/skills ☐ Emotional support ☐ Loyalty ☐ Friendship ☐ N/A
☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Any other benefits, goods, services, etc. for which people express gratitude to other people?

- Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

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Comments / Sources:

Expressing Gratitude

Are gestures used to express or acknowledge gratitude to another person? (e.g. verbal/physical, reciprocal or other gestures)

- Yes / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:



If Yes:

Verbal/Physical Gratitude (check all that apply)

- ☐ Saying “thank you” or expressing gratitude verbally in some other way ☐ Nodding or other facial gesture in recognition of the gift/benefit
☐ Bowing or genuflecting (e.g., putting one’s knee to the ground) ☐ Clasp ing or shaking hands with the benefactor
☐ Kissing or embracing the benefactor ☐ A group of grateful people dancing around or encircle a benefactor
☐ Praising the benefactor publicly (e.g., in formal settings like a party or ceremony) or informally (just telling people how great the benefactor is)
☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Reciprocal Gratitude (check all that apply)

- ☐ Giving the benefactor something nice in return (a favor, service, jewelry, money, food, tobacco, alcohol) ☐ Reciprocation via labor
- ☐ Promising one's loyalty or intention to repay or assist the benefactor in the future ☐ Helping a third party as a form of "repaying it forward"
- ☐ N/A ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Any other gestures of gratitude?

- Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

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- ☐ Other _____

Comments / Sources:

Any other gestures of gratitude?

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Comments / Sources:

Attitudes & Norms

Are gestures of interpersonal gratitude explicitly described as a way of repaying/reciprocating/balancing out debts to that person (for what they have given you)?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are gestures of interpersonal gratitude also seen as expressions of love, faithfulness, or devotion (as opposed to simply satisfying a feeling of obligation/indebtedness/need for balancing debts)?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are there consequences for not expressing gratitude towards people when you are supposed to? (I.e., will you be punished or incur negative reputation consequences if you don't?)

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Is it ever considered impossible to adequately express gratitude towards people for the benefits they give you?

- Yes [specify] _____ / No / Field doesn't know / I don't know

Comments / Sources:

Are there oral traditions such as folktales, stories, or anecdotes regarding gratitude expressions or experiences towards other people?

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Comments / Sources:

Are children explicitly taught or socialized to be grateful or to express gratitude toward other people?

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Comments / Sources:

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Comments / Sources:

Did the sources reveal anything else about interpersonal gratitude that this survey doesn't specifically ask about?

– Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources:

Any final comments?

– Specify _____ / N/A

Comments / Sources: