

**TABLE 10.2** Characteristics of the Authoritarian Personality

Factor	Description	Sample Items
Conventionalism	Rigid adherence to conventional, middle-class values	Obedience and respect for authority are the most important virtues children should learn.
Authoritarian submission	Submissive, uncritical, and idealized attitude toward moral authorities of the ingroup	Every person should have complete faith in some supernatural power whose decisions he obeys without question.
Authoritarian aggression	Tendency to condemn, reject, and punish people who violate conventional values	Most of our social problems would be solved if we could somehow get rid of the immoral, crooked, and feebleminded people.
Superstition and stereotypy	The belief in mystical determinants of the individual's fate; the disposition to think in rigid categories	People can be divided into two classes: the weak and the strong.

Source: Adorno, Frenkel-Brunswik, Levinson, and Sanford (1950).

